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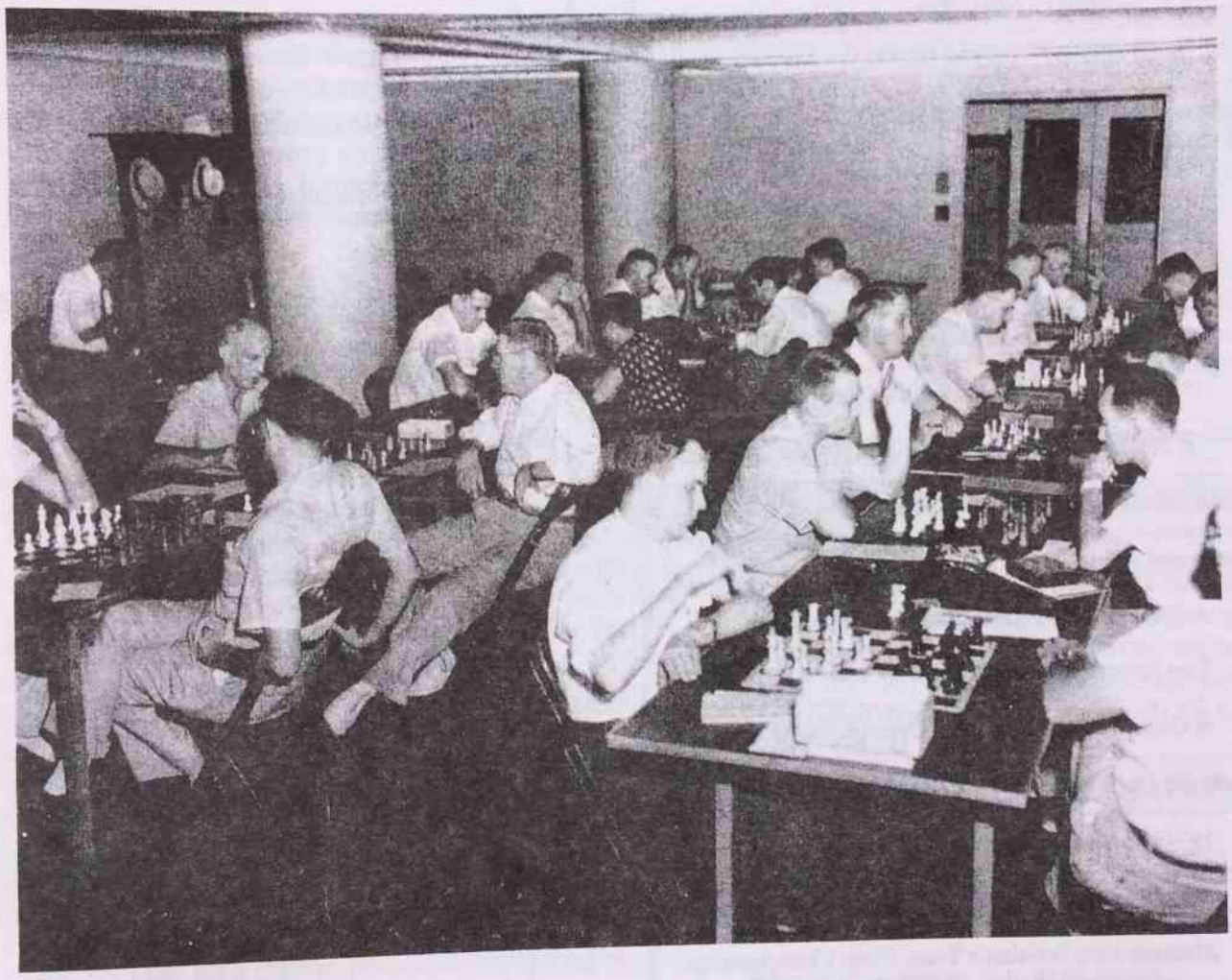

The First Alabama State Championship Tournament
July 3 - 5, 1954 - Central YMCA, Birmingham
Photo from Chess Review, August 1954

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President's Message *by Bill Melvin*

Imagine that everyone in Alabama joined the ACF. Every man, every woman, every child. What would we do then? What should we do then?

Your answer is probably: Improve the ACF. Offer more services of type xyz so that the millions of members will better enjoy their memberships and renew. Sounds good. Actually, I'll argue that we should make positive changes of our organization right now. Build it and they will come. If the ACF is clearly a worthwhile organization for all chess players in Alabama, then membership shortcomings will take care of themselves and growth will be inevitable.

I am open to suggestions on improving the ACF. What could we possibly do better at the state level to nurture chess within the state? Can we change good things and make them great? Can we change great things and make them spectacular? Can we change spectacular things and ... you get the picture. Surely worthwhile changes remain to be made. Let me know what these changes are.

This issue marks the end of my year as ACF President. While I'll seek re-election at the State Championship business meeting, I cannot assume that I will win over any other candidate. I feel that the ACF has seen gradual improvement over the past year. The biggest change has been the regular publication of the *Antics*. Rhodes Peele has done an outstanding job with the *Antics* and this has led to growth in members and morale. Using the *Antics* as a statewide vehicle, we are now in an excellent position to move to the next level as an organization. The future looks bright indeed.

Notice on the back of your *Antics* that Scholastic dues have increased from $4/year to $5/year. This increase was passed at the February business meeting. The costs of publishing and mailing four issues of the *Antics* each year has steadily crept up to the point that a dues increase became necessary. I shill think the Scholastic rate is a genuine bargain. I hope you agree.

In other news, 14 year old **Daniel Thomas** of Huntsville beat **Grandmaster Sam Palatnik** (rated over 2500) and **Master Peter Bereolos** (rated over 2300) in a recent Chattanooga tournament. **Matt Puckett** and **Andrew Whatley** will both have played in the U.S. Cadet Championships in Nashville by the time you read this letter. Furthermore, Matt has received an invitation to the 1997 World Youth Championships for Boys 16 and under. He is also one of six 1997 Scholar Chessplayer Award Winners. Alabama's strongest scholastic players continue to be the envy of the rest of the country.

As you may be aware, the State Championship will be held near Mobile this year. This location will be ideal for some and inconvenient for others. Nonetheless, no bids were submitted from the center of the state. We are most fortunate to have **Camille Gaston** loaning her incredible enthusiasm and organizational skills to this event. I suspect this will be one of the best State Championships in memory. I encourage you to support this event. **See you in Mobile!**

ACF Executive Board Meeting

An ACF executive Board Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 1 at the playing site of the Alabama State Championship (see display ad on page 10). All are invited to attend and help coordinate future state activities. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1 Election of officers.

2 Bidding for the 1998 Scholastic Individual and 1998 Scholastic Team Championships.

3 Review of upcoming state tournaments.

4 Heart of Dixie Tour rules discussion.

5 Discussion of ACF support to invitees of World/Cadet/Denker events. (Should we support? How much? Which events? Draft formal policy?)

Bill Melvin

Daniel Thomas Defeats GM Sam Palatnik !

Rhodes,

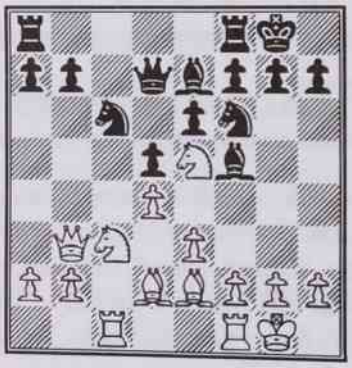
Lamar Daniel told me you were interested in obtaining the game where Daniel Thomas defeated Grandmaster Sam Palatnik. Here it is.

-Bill Melvin-

5th Sweets Memorial - Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 17, 1997 - Round 4, Board 1 - Game/60
Queen's Gambit Declined - Slav Defense

GM Sam Palatnik **Daniel Thomas**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Qb3 Qc8 6.cd cd 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be7 10.Be2 O-O 11.O-O Qd7 12.Ne5



Position after 12.Ne5

12. ... Ne5 13.de Ng4 14.Nb5 a6 15.Rc7 Qd8 16.Re7 Qe7 17.Bb4 Qh4 18.Bg4 Qg4 19.Bf8 Rf8 20.Nd4 b5 21.Qa3 Qg6 22.Qa6?? Bh3 23.g3 Qe4 24.resigns.

0 - 1 !!!

Another Alabama Junior Honored !

John Morcos from Birmingham, accompanied by his mother Sue, has been in New York City the past 10 days studying with **Grandmaster Edmar Mednis.**

The **American Chess Foundation** sponsors the American School of Chess at the Manhattan Chess Club each summer for 10 days. Founded in 1982, **ten** of the most talented young players are given the opportunity to study and work with Grandmaster Edmar Mednis. Some of the top players who have attended include: Patrick Wolff, Stuart Rachels, Tal Shaked, Josh Manion, Dean Ippolito, Paul Rower, and Nawrose Nur. Other recent invitees from **Alabama** include Andrew Whatley, Daniel Thomas, Andy Reeder, and Matthew Puckett.

Good work John !

- Barbara Reeder -

Maintaining the ACF Membership Roster

Look at the mailing label on this issue of *Alabama Chess Antics.* The first line contains (in this order) (i) your membership type (REG = Regular, SCH = Scholastic, LIF = Life, AFFL = Affiliate); (ii) your ACF (*not* USCF) expiration date; (iii) your ACF membership number, which *should* be identical with your USCF number; (iv) a number that Dick Rhea has used in the past to code deposits into the ACF checking account.

It is **up to you** to **renew your membership** before or when it expires and to **bring problems to the Secretary/Treasurer's attention** if you or someone you know isn't getting the *Antics.* Delivery dates of the same issue to different members may vary by as much as ten days due to the nature of bulk mail delivery. If more time than this passes and you or your friend still haven't received your/their issue, please contact **Jack Mallory**, the **ACF Secretary/Treasurer**. His mailing address and phone number appear on page 2.

CHESS FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA

Chess Foundation of Alabama

Dear Chessplayer:

A few years ago, a charitable organization was formed to promote chess and chess education for the residents of the state of Alabama. That organization is the Chess Foundation of Alabama.

The Foundation is having to raise funds. All funds raised will be accumulated and invested. Income from those funds will be used for the Foundation's charitable activities, i.e., help promote scholastic chess programs, both existing and undeveloped; chess camp scholarships; continued publication of the Alabama Chess Federation quarterly newsletter, Alabama Chess Antics, and other chess-promoting endeavors consistent with the Foundation's status as a tax-exempt organization. We solicit your participation in support of the Foundation's efforts to expose even more of our state's citizens, both young and old, to the challenge and stimulation of this time-honored game of strategy, tactics, concentration and patience.

Please join us now in this endeavor. We offer three categories of sponsorship: Under $10, Donor; $11-$25, Sponsor; $26 and Over, Benefactor. We will be happy to mail you a copy of the Foundation's By-Laws and/or Articles of Incorporation upon receipt of your request and a $30 or more contribution. All contributions are **tax deductible**, and a receipt will be supplied at your request.

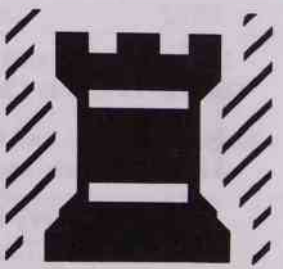
Checks should be made payable to the **Chess Foundation of Alabama.** Should you prefer to make a pledge, please do so by telephone or fax to the numbers indicated above.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUPPORT CHESS IN ALABAMA !!!

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ellis
President

P.S. Many, many thanks to all of you who have expressed your interest in the promotion of chess in Alabama by contributions to the Chess Foundation of Alabama. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated by those of us interested in a strong chess program which reaches the citizens of our state. More and more, chess is receiving media coverage, both locally and nationally, which is solid evidence of its growth and acceptance. We want our citizens to be at the forefront of this important step into the future.



Chess for Life

ACF Calendar *maintained by Dr. Ken Sloan*

This table of chess events is taken from the webpage
Look it over and ***mark your calendar*** *with all events that you* ***might*** *want to play in! Organizers, please call or E-mail Dr. Sloan so that your tournament(s) can be listed. On very rare occasions, tournaments have to be cancelled or rescheduled after they have been announced in the Antics. For this reason, it is sometimes a good idea to check the ACF Webpage (or call the contact person) before driving to an out-of-town tournament.*

Event	Date and City More details may be found on	Contact Person, phone and/or E-mail address
Championship Warmup (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	August 23 - 24; Huntsville page 9	Jerry Wheeler;
Columbus August G/60 4 SS	August 23; Columbus GA page 9	Lamar Causey;
Alabama State Championship (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	August 30 - September 1; Chickasaw page 10	Camille Gaston;
First Sunday Quads	September 7; Birmingham page 14	Kenneth Sloan;
Alabama Junior Team Tournament	September 20; Hoove page 11	Kenneth Sloan;
Montgomery G/29 (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	September 20; Montgomery page 14	Caesar Lawrence;
First Sunday Quads	October 5; Birmingham page 14	Kenneth Sloan;
Back-2-School Scholastic	October 11; Hope Hull (tentative)	Caesar Lawrence;
Columbus Day Scholastic **CANCELLED**	October 11; Birmingham CANCELLED	
Montgomery G/29 (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	October 18; Montgomery page 14	Caesar Lawrence;
Steel City Class	October 18 - 19; Birmingham	Kirk Petty;
First Sunday Quads	November 2; Birmingham page 14	Kenneth Sloan;
1st Annual Alabama Scholastic Chess K-12 Grade Championship	November 8; Hoover page 12	Tom Young;
Magic City Open and G/10 Champ. (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	November 15 - 16; Birmingham page 13	Bob Reives Richard Ellis
Montgomery G/29 (Heart of Dixie Tour Event)	November 22 (**new date**); Montgomery page 14	Caesar Lawrence;
First Sunday Quads	December 7; Birmingham page 14	Kenneth Sloan;
Columbus Scholastic Team	January 31; Columbus, GA	Lamar Causey;
Hoover Scholastic	February 8; Hoover	Kenneth Sloan;

1996/7 "Heart of Dixie" Chess Tour *by Bill Melvin*

The Alabama **"Heart of Dixie"** Chess Tour is a year-long contest to help promote Alabama chess participation and competition. The inaugural "Heart of Dixie" tour will span from October 1, 1996 through the 1997 Alabama State Championship. For a tournament to qualify as an Alabama Heart of Dixie Tour event, it must meet the following requirements:

- It must be **USCF rated.**
- It must **require ACF dues** for Alabama residents. No other dues may be required except USCF dues.
- It must be an **open weekend tournament in Alabama of at least three rounds** in length.
- It must be **advertised on the ACF WWW Calendar** as an Alabama Heart of Dixie event at least one month in advance.
- A copy of the final **wall chart** and appropriate Heart of Dixie Tour **fees** must be **submitted** to the ACF Secretary / Treasurer within two weeks of the end of the tournament.

Prize Fund

The prize fund will be formed from tournament round fees (USCF Grand Prix events, $5.00 per round; all others, $3.00 per round; Quick rated events, $2.00 per round) and other donations. The ACF is donating $300.00 to the prize fund for the Dixie Tour's inaugural year. Prizes will be awarded to top players of each class by the following percentages of the prize fund:

Master/Expert:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class A:	1st, 10%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class B:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class C:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class D:	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%
Class E/Unrated	1st, 8%; 2nd, 5%; 3rd, 3%

Conditions of Awarding Prizes

- The final class standing of a player will be determined by the August 1997 USCF rating supplement.
- Players must be ACF members to accumulate Heart of Dixie points.

Earning Heart of Dixie Points

ACF members may earn Heart of Dixie points as follows:

Each player participating in an Alabama USCF Grand Prix Heart of Dixie Tour event will earn 20 points. Players participating in the Alabama State Championship will earn 30 points. Players participating in all other Heart of Dixie Tour events will earn 10 points. Players must complete at least half of the scheduled rounds in any tournament to earn these points.

Players will be awarded additional Heart of Dixie points for a positive performance result in any Heart of Dixie event by the formula

(wins - losses) x (# of rounds) = performance pts

A maximum of 20 performance points will be awarded for any one-day event. Players must complete the tournament to earn any performance points. Unplayed games except for byes or forfeit wins will be counted as losses for this calculation. Full-point byes will be counted as wins.

Recent HOD Events
Jack Mallory

12/26/96, Magic City Open	$325
1/18/97, MGMCC G/29	$335
2/15/97, Queen of Hearts	$350
4/19/97, MGMCC G/29	$360
5/24/97, Vulcan Open	$372
5/25/97, Al. State G/10 Champ.	$380
6/14/97, Al. QC Champ.	$390

(The dollar figures in the right column track the accumulation of total HOD prize money as the events pay money into the HOD account. - Ed.)

Current Heart of Dixie Standings *by Jack Mallory*

Master/Expert

Daniel, Lamar (2217)	45
Inman, Brent (2191)	25
Melvin, Bill (2225)	72
Petty, Kirk (2039)	35
Pruitt, Robert (2027)	20
Reeder, Andy (2107)	88
Therrell, Kyle (2205)	22
Thomas, Daniel (2097)	36
Whatley, Andrew (2269)	181

Class A

Bond, Tim (1927)	25
Campbell, Thomas (1877)	10
Cahoon, Rory (1974)	10
DeFiore, Louis (1837)	55
Downs, Charles (1988)	70
Gwin, Jack (1814)	40
Lawrence, Caesar (1844)	90
Lawry, Thomas (1901)	15
Morcos, John (1850)	55
Peele, Rhodes (1873)	50
Schaetzle, Walter (1850)	10
Sloan, Kenneth (1871)	45
Suriyagoda, Nuwan (1860)	28
Todd, Alan (1854)	20

Class B

Agnew, Bose (1641)	20
Ananiabis, Constantine (1604)	50
Bowen, James (1650)	20
Fisk, Lawrence (1799)	10
Greiner, Frank (1703)	10
Morrison, David (1602)	20
Schaetzle, Michael (1695)	20
Smith, Ross (1714)	20
Stanton, Roy (1776)	78
Wheeler, Gerald (1670)	24

Class C

Abdel-Ghany, Mohamed (1500)	35
Ashmore, Charles (1563)	10
Betancourt, John (1478)	10
Chipman, Paul (1430)	10
Ellis, Richard (1408)	50
Hutchinson, Nathaniel (1409)	17.5
Koerner, James (1476)	10
Miller, Scott (1499)	22
O'Connor, John (1588)	20
Richardson, James (1526)	52.5

Class D

Adams, David (1364)	10
Ashmore, Sherman (1265)	15
Curtis, Taylor (1221)	20
Elmes, Thomas (1437)	25
Martin, Roy (1250)	40
Meehan, Edward (1247)	10
Nunnally, Timothy (1281)	10
Rieves, Robert (1336)	70
Wood, Fred (1384)	10
Sloan, David (1277)	50

Class E/Unrated

Delorenz, Sebastion (1121)	20
Buse, Julie (UNR)	10
Chandler, Andrew (829)	10
Chandler, Nathanael (738)	10
Chandler, Warner (1040)	20
Cumbest, Ronald (UNR)	18
Flanagan, Burton (951)	20
Friedman, Ari (UNR)	20
Friedman, Howard (UNR)	10
Jackson, Marcus (991)	10
Kernodle, Roger (1160)	18
Rozsa, Andrew (UNR)	10
Sloan, Peter (490)	10
Yessick, Don (UNR)	10
Young, Brennan (1000)	10
Young, Thomas (964)	14

Championship Warmup
UAH Student Center, Huntsville

Date:	23-24 August 1997
Details:	5 Round Swiss. **Heart of Dixie** and **Novag Grand Prix** Tournament, 15 Grand Prix points.
Time Control:	40 moves in 100 minutes; 15 moves in 30 minutes. **Scholastic:** Game in 45 minutes, round times may vary.
Registration:	For early registration, send name, section you wish to play in, USCF ID#, your telephone #, and a check payable to the Huntsville Chess Club If possible, send in completed entry form from last issue of *Antics*. On-site reg.: 8:00 - 9:00.
Entry fee:	**Open:** $40 if received by August 22; $50 at site. **Reserve (U 1800):** $30 if received by August 22, $40 at site. **Scholastic:** $15. (Date for early entries ($10) expired on August 15).
Rounds:	Open and Reserve Sections: 9:30, 2:30, 7:00 Saturday; 9:00, 2:00 Sunday. **Scholastic:** 10:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 Saturday only.
Membership:	All participants must be USCF and ACF members (other states OK); memberships available on site.
Prizes:	$500 guaranteed; other prizes based on 30 entries in section. **Open:** 1st, $300 G + trophy, 2nd $200 G, Expert $75 , $60; U 2000 $50, $40. **Reserve:** 1st, $120 + trophy; 2nd $80, Class C, $55, $45; Class D/E, $45, $35; Unrated, $30.**Scholastic:** 3 Sections: K -3 , 4 - 6, 7 - 12. Trophies 1st - 3rd in each Section.
Hotel room:	Tom Bevill Conference Center & Hotel, 550 Sparkman Dr. 35816. Phone: (205) 721-9428.
Information:	Gerald Wheeler.

THE PHENIX CITY CHESS CLUB PRESENTS

The Columbus August G/60 Open

Date:	Saturday, August 23, 1997.
Entry fee:	$25 cash for each player
Time control:	G/60 minutes
Registration:	8:30 a.m. til 9:00 a.m. **Eastern** time.
Rounds:	9:30, 12:00, 2:30 and 5:00
Location:	Columbus State University Room 256, Davidson Center 4225 University Avenue Columbus, Georgia 31907-5645

Cash Prizes:
1st place overall - $100
1st place class A - $75
1st place class B - $75
1st place class C - $75
1st place under 1400 and unrated - $75
Prizes based on twenty entries.

Chess players, bring your chess sets and clocks with you!

44th Alabama State Championship

August 30 through September 1, 1997
J.C. Davis Municipal Auditorium, Chickasaw AL.*

see separately mailed flyer for many more details!!!

Sponsors: Alabama Chess Federation and United States Chess Federation.
Hosts: City of Chickasaw and Clark School of Math and Science Chess Program.

Open Section
(open to all)

First prize	$450
Second prize	$225
Top expert	$180
Top Class A	$180
Top under 1800	$180

Reserve Section
(Open to under 1600.)

First prize	$300
Second prize	$150
Top Class D	$130
Top Class E	$130
Top under 1000 & unrated	$75

Prizes above for Open and Reserve Sections are based on 45 entries at regular fee.

Entry fees: Payable at registration (check, cash, Visa or MasterCard) or in advance (no discount) to **Camille Gaston,**

Regular entry fee for players competing for cash prizes (both sections) is $50.00.
Special Scholastic entry fee for students through grade 12 who wish to compete for non-cash awards and other donated prizes only is $15.00.

Lodging: Contact **Howard Johnson's**, Chickasaw, I 65 at Exit 10, West Lee Street **(334)-457-4006** for special rates for tournament participants.

Registration: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Saturday.

Time controls: 30 moves in **90** minutes, then **sudden death** in **one hour.**

Rounds: Saturday, 12:00 noon and **6:00** PM; **Sunday, 8:00** AM, **1:30** PM, **7:00** PM; **Monday**, immediately after the ACF business meeting.

ACF Business Meeting on Monday, September 1: The ACF will conduct its annual State Championship business meeting (including election of Officers for the next year) at 8:00 AM. Final round of tournament will immediately follow this meeting (approximately 9:30 AM).

Chief Tournament director: Rich Bellezza.

Inquiries: Camille Gaston,

* (10 min. north of Mobile). Intersection of Grand and Thompson Boulevards: From I-65, 1) Take Exit 10 - West Lee Street; 2) Turn right at 1st traffic light onto Grand; 3) Follow Grand to end at Thompson.

Alabama Junior Team

4th Annual Alabama Junior Team Chess Tournament

LOCATION: Trace Crossings Elementary School, Hoover, Alabama 35244
DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 (one exit West of the Galleria) off I-459. Head East on 150 (follow signs for the Hoover Met). Turn right into Trace Crossings. Turn left at the sign for Trace Crossings School. Turn right into the school grounds.
DATE: 20 September 1997
DETAILS: 4 Player Teams. 5 Round Swiss. USCF Rated.
TIME CONTROL: Game in 30 minutes
ROUNDS: 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30
REGISTRATION: For early registration, send entry form and fees to: Kenneth Sloan

or register at site 8:30-9:30
Make checks payable to: Kenneth Sloan
ENTRY FEE: $40/team if Postmarked by 14 September. $60/team at site.
MEMBERSHIP: All participants must be USCF ($10) and ACF ($5) members. Memberships available on site. (other states OK)
PRIZES: Plaques to all 4 players, top 2 teams in each of two categories: Open (18 & Under) and Reserve (12 & Under)
CONCESSIONS: Breakfast, lunch and snacks. Chess Books/Equipment.

Teams consist of exactly 4 players (no alternates). Teams with fewer than 4 players are acceptable, but strongly discouraged. It may be possible to form teams (or add a player) during registration. All players must be 18 or younger. To be eligible for the Reserve prizes, all 4 players must be 12 or younger. All teams are eligible for the Open prizes. There are NO other restrictions (such as school or club memberships) - teams are completely free-form.

==========Please Fill in COMPLETELY==========

Team Name:_____ Average Rating_____

NAME_____ USCF ID_____ Exp Date____ Rating____

ADDRESS_____ Birthdate_____

NAME_____ USCF ID_____ Exp Date____ Rating____

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ADDRESS_____ Birthdate_____

Kenneth R. Sloan
Last Modified 16 June 1997

1st Annual Alabama Scholastic Chess K-12 Grade Championship

Location: Hunter Street Baptist Church, Hoover, AL **Directions:** Take Hoover Metropolitan Stadium exit (Exit 10) from I-459 South. Turn left at bottom of exit ramp on AL Hwy 150. Proceed 1/2 mile. Church is on the right.

Date: November 8, 1997 **Details:** Individual, 4 Round Swiss, USCF Rated

Time Control: Game in 45 minutes **Rounds:** 9:15, 11:00, 1:00, 2:45, Awards ceremony at 5:45 pm

Entry Fee: $15 per player in advance. $30 per player at site.

Membership: All participants must be USCF ($10) and ACF ($5) members. New memberships and renewals available on site. Open to Alabama Residents only.

Sections: One section for each of grades K-12.

NOTE: We are excited to present this distinctively formatted competition. This will not be a typical scholastic tournament with sections of K-3, K-6, etc. Instead of, for example, 1st graders competing with 3rd graders for the same trophies, the goal of this format is to have each participant playing only against others in his or her own grade. Only where it is necessary to achieve a minimum number of players in a section will adjacent grades be combined into a single section, and then only for pairings purposes, not for grade honors.

Prizes: Trophies to top 3 in each grade with a minimum of 7 competitors in that grade. Trophies to top 2 in each grade guaranteed.

Concessions: Snacks, lunch, drinks. Chess books and equipment

Registration: For early registration, send entry form and fees to:
Tom Young

or register at site 7:45 - 8:45 AM
Make checks payable to: Tom Young

Questions?: Call Tom Young

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade: _____ School Name: _____

USCF ID: _____ Exp. Date: _____

ACF Member? Yes No Exp. Date: _____

Entry fee ($15.00)	____
USCF Membership fee	____
ACF Membership fee	____
Total enclosed	____

The Birmingham Chess Club Presents

1997 Magic City Open and G/10 Championship

When: 15 - 16 November 1997

Location: University of Alabama at Birmingham Education Building (Room 133)

Format: Four Round SS in 3 sections: Open, Reserve (U 1800), Novice (U 1300)

Entry Fees: $30 ($15 for Juniors 19 and under) postmarked by 5 November. Add $5 for on-site registration. USCF and ACF Membership required (available on-site; other states OK).

Rounds: Saturday: 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Time Controls: 30 moves in 1 hour; then sudden death in 1 hour.

Prizes: $1000 by 40

Open Section		Reserve Section		Novice Section	
First:	$300	First:	$180	First:	$90
Second:	$ 90	Second:	$ 50	Second:	$50
Under 2200:	$ 40	Under 1600:	$ 35	Unrated:	$35
Under 2000:	$ 40	First over age 55:	$ 30	First over age 55:	$30
First over age 55:	$ 30				

Side Event: Magic City G/10 Championship Saturday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 4-round Swiss. Entry fee: $10. $190 Guaranteed Prize Fund. Registration: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Prizes:** First, $80; Second, $40; under 1800, $35; under 1300, $35.

Entries: Send entries with checks made payable to the ***Birmingham Chess Club.***

Richard Ellis

Questions: Bob Rieves
Richard Ellis

First Sunday Quads

When:	The First Sunday of **(almost)** every month (please check the ACF Calendar)
Where:	Hill University Center on the UAB campus (corner of University Ave and 14th Street South)
What:	Low-cost USCF rated Quads, G/45. **Entry fee: $2.00.** Some sections may be Hex, or G/30
Times:	**Registration,** 1:00-1:30; **Rounds,** 1:45, 3:15, 4:45
Prizes:	Clear winner in each section receives free entry to the next event.

All ages and all playing levels welcome. USCF Membership Required (available on site). This is a popular low-stress format. Come and enjoy the chess! No big $$, no big trophies - just chess. Please bring sets, boards and clocks. Round times are nominal - we'll play each round ASAP (RR format means no delay for pairings). Questions? - contact Kenneth Sloan

Montgomery (monthly) G/29 Open

5 Round Swiss USCF Quickchess rated

When:	These Saturdays in 1997: September 20; October 18; November 22 **(NOTE the new date for November)**
Entry fee:	$20 (cash preferred)
Time Control:	Game in 29 minutes
Where:	Community Center, Gunter AFB, Building 825 (210 Ramp Street) Montgomery, AL
Registration:	8:00 A.M. til 9:00 A.M.
Rounds:	9:30; 10:50; 12;45; 2:10; 3:00
Prizes:	(Based on 20 players) 1st place $100; Top Class A $70; Top Class B $70 Top Class C$70; Top under 1400/unrated $50
Questions:	Caesar Lawrence (TD),
Notice:	USCF and ACF Membership and ID are required; both may be purchased at site. NS, NC, W.

All three of these tournaments are "Heart of Dixie" Tour Events !

The 1997 Vulcan Open *by Bob Rieves*

An encouraging entry of 42 played in the Vulcan Open at the School of Education Building on the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Both the Vulcan Open and the Alabama State Game - In - 10 Championship, held as part of the event, were Heart of Dixie Tour Events, and were directed by UAB professor **Ken Sloan.** Watch *Alabama Chess Antics* for regular updates on your Heart of Dixie points!

After the smoke cleared, Senior Master **Stephen Booth**, from Columbus, Georgia, made off like a bandit - with first place in both the Vulcan Open and the Game - in - 10 Championship. Booth pocketed a total of $430.

Among the three sections of the main event, competition was especially fierce in the Reserve (U/1800) Section. **Dr. John Perciballi,** of Pensacola, Florida, and **Scott Miller**, of the

Vulcan Open - 24-25 May 1997 - Open *									
#	Player	Prev	Perf	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Steven A. Booth	2425	2461	2429	W 07	W 03	W 05	D 04	3.5
2	Andrew W. Whatley	2269	2266	2270	W 09	L 05	W 08	W 11	3.0
3	Bill Melvin	2225	2301	2238	W 10	L 01	W 12	W 05	3.0
4	Daniel Thomas	2097	2288	2119	D 08	W 13	W 06	D 01	3.0
5	Ross Sprague	2293	2234	2286	W 14	W 02	L 01	L 03	2.0
6	Paul Choate	2110	1973	2091	W 12	D 11	L 04	D 10	2.0
7	Robert F. Pruitt	2027	2020	2021	L 01	D 08	D 13	W 12	2.0
8	Ray Downs	1988	2056	1998	D 04	D 07	L 02	W 13	2.0
9	Nuwan Suriyagoda	1860	1913	1877	L 02	L 10	W 14	bye	2.0
10	John N. Morcos	1850	2080	1884	L 03	W 09	D 11	D 06	2.0
11	Andy Reeder	2107	1915	2079	D 13	D 06	D 10	L 02	1.5
12	Louis DeFiore	1837	1895	1844	L 06	W 14	L 03	L 07	1.0
13	Jack P. Gwin	1830	1855	1833	D 11	L 04	D 07	L 08	1.0
14	Kirk D. Petty	2018	1602	1966	L 05	L 12	L 09	forfeit	0.0
Vulcan Open - 24-25 May 1997 - Reserve *									
1	John A. Perciballi	1730	1735	1738	W 09	W 11	W 04	D 02	3.5
2	Scott Alan Miller	1499	1937	1568	W 13	W 03	W 05	D 01	3.5
3	Roy F. Stanton	1776	1672	1766	W 12	L 02	W 06	W 10	3.0
4	Frank Johnson	1684	1634	1683	W 10	W 07	L 01	W 11	3.0
5	Jay Youngblood	1764	1590	1740	W 08	D 06	L 02	W 12	2.5
6	Gerald A. Wheeler	1670	1666	1673	W 14	D 05	L 03	W 07	2.5

Birmingham Chess Club, tied for first with 3 1/2 points. Five players tied for the U/1600 prize with 2 points - **John Betancourt, Taylor Curtis, Fred Wood, Robert Rieves**, and **Riley Lane** (of Columbus, Georgia).

Equally fierce competition was found in the Novice (U/1300) Section. This section, an idea of TD Sloan, is a new feature of the Vulcan; its purpose is to encourage new players and provide a stepping stone for scholastic players to begin playing in adult events. Three players tied for first with 3 points - **Roger Kernodle, Ronald Cumbest** and **Don Yessick.** We hope to see more of these improving players.

The Open Section had, in addition to Senior Master Booth, Alabama Masters **Bill Melvin** (Huntsville) and **Andrew Whatley** (Montgomery), and Florida Master **Ross Sprague**. Three Alabama players tied for second with 3 points: Melvin, Whatley and **Daniel Thomas.** Three players tied for the U/2000 prize with 2 points: **John Morcos, Ray Downs** and newcomer **Nuwan Suriyagoda,** a student

7	John E. Betancourt	1478	1463	1474	W 15	L 04	W 14	L 06	2.0
8	Fred E. Wood	1384	1385	1380	L 05	L 14	W 15	W 13	2.0
9	Robert M. Rieves	1336	1268	1326	L 01	W 16	L 11	W 14	2.0
10	Riley E. Lane	1309	1529	1337	L 04	W 15	W 12	L 03	2.0
11	Taylor A. Curtis	1221	1405	1242	W 16	L 01	W 09	L 04	2.0
12	Richard W. Ellis	1408	1332	1390	L 03	W 13	L 10	L 05	1.0
13	David Sloan	1277	1090	1251	L 02	L 12	W 16	L 08	1.0
14	Roy Martin	1250	1266	1250	L 06	W 08	L 07	L 09	1.0
15	Edward Meehan	1247	1059	1220	L 07	L 10	L 08	W 16	1.0
16	Howard Friedman	UNR	0870	0870	L 11	L 09	L 13	L 15	0.0

Vulcan Open - 24-25 May 1997 - Novice *

1	Roger Kernodle	1160	1204	1169	L 02	W 07	W 04	W 03	3.0
2	Don Yessick	Unr	1153	1153	W 01	L 05	W 11	W 06	3.0
3	Ronald J. Cumbest	Unr	1162	1162	W 10	W 08	W 05	L 01	3.0
4	Thomas H. Young	0964	1056	0979	W 11	W 09	L 01	D 05	2.5
5	Lester C. Ferrell	Unr	1135	1135	W 07	W 02	L 03	D 04	2.5
6	Brennan G. Young	1000	0926	0987	L 08	W 10	W 09	L 02	2.0
7	Nathnael W. Chandler	0738	0868	0752	L 05	L 01	W 12	W 11	2.0
8	Andrew J. Rozsa	Unr	0901	0901	W 06	L 03	L 10	W 12	2.0
9	Ari Friedman	Unr	0843	0843	W 12	L 04	L 06	W 10	2.0
10	Andrew Chandler	0828	0776	0805	L 03	L 06	W 08	L 09	1.0
11	Julie O. Buse	Unr	0686	0686	L 04	W 12	L 02	L 07	1.0
12	Peter Sloan	0490	0392	0469	L 09	L 11	L 07	L 08	0.0

* Ratings are unofficial.

at UA - Tuscaloosa (he is from Sri Lanka, and his first provisional rating should be quite good).

It was especially encouraging to note the spectator interest in some of the Open Section games. ACF President Bill Melvin's game against Ross Sprague was very exciting. The normally nerve-less Melvin showed some evidence of stress during this exciting game. Bill, please annotate this one for us! *(See pp. 18-19 of this issue, Bob! - Ed.)*

Finally, the Saturday night Alabama Game - In - 10 Championship has an entry of 22. Booth's previously mentioned first place was achieved by sweeping the field, 4-0. Life Master **Kyle Therrell** (who did not play in the main event) achieved the best score (3.5-0.5) by an Alabama resident, and is therefore the first Alabama G/10 Champion.

Splitting third prize money, with 3 points each, were **Ross Sprague, Andrew Whatley, Daniel Thomas, Andy Reeder,** and **Nuwan Suriyagoda.**

The Birmingham Chess Club wishes to thank all players who attended this event, especially those from Georgia and Florida, Huntsville and Montgomery.

Vulcan - 24 May 1997 - Alabama State Game/10 Championship *

#	Player	Prev	Perf	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Stephen A Booth	2447	2419	2455	W 15	W 10	W 08	W 03	4.0
2	Kyle Therrell	2205	2156	2208	W 13	W 05	W 06	D 08	3.5
3	Ross Sprague	2318	2231	2317	W 07	W 04	W 09	L 01	3.0
4	Andrew W. Whatley	1938	1867	1946	W 18	L 03	W 14	W 12	3.0
5	Nuwan Suriyagoda	1860	2000	1916	W 14	L 02	W 16	W 11	3.0
6	Andy Reeder	1760	2002	1798	W 19	W 15	L 02	W 09	3.0
7	Daniel Thomas	1687	2017	1731	L 03	W 18	W 10	W 15	3.0
8	Bill Melvin	2121	2135	2126	W 16	W 11	L 01	D 02	2.5
9	Paul Choate	2110	1907	2052	W 22	W 12	L 03	L 06	2.0
10	Frank Johnson	1966	1724	1940	W 17	L 01	L 07	W 20	2.0
11	Jack P. Gwin	1829	1730	1818	W 20	L 08	W 21	L 05	2.0
12	Louis S. DeFiore	1790	1719	1782	W 21	L 09	W 20	L 04	2.0
13	Gerald A. Wheeler	1670	1522	1627	L 02	L 14	W 18	W 19	2.0
14	John N. Morcos	1244	1785	1300	L 05	W 13	L 04	W 16	2.0
15	John A. Perciballi	1688	1608	1669	L 01	L 06	W 17	L 07	1.0
16	Jay Youngblood	1657	1440	1623	L 08	W 19	L 05	L 14	1.0
17	Robert M. Rieves	1251	1430	1263	L 10	L 20	L 15	W 21	1.0
18	Roy Martin	1250	1482	1316	L 04	L 07	L 13	W 22	1.0
19	Taylor A. Curtis	1221	1430	1280	L 06	L 16	W 22	L 13	1.0
20	Lester C. Ferrell	UNR	1509	1509	L 11	W 17	L 12	L 10	1.0
21	Ari Friedman	UNR	1375	1375	L 12	W 22	L 11	L 17	1.0
22	Richard W. Ellis	1431	1106	1367	L 09	L 21	L 19	L 18	0.0

A Game from the Vulcan Open *by Bill Melvin*

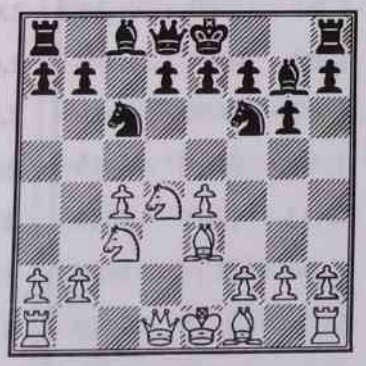
Vulcan Open - May 25, 1997
Round 4, Board 2 - 30/1, SD/1
Sicilian - Maroczy Bind (B39)

Bill Melvin (2225) **Ross Sprague (2293)**

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4

This is the moment of truth for White. *5.Nc3* is also playable and leads to a different type of game. With *5.c4*, White tells Black that he had better do something fast or he is going to get a miserable cramped game. Unfortunately (for White), Black has plenty of resources here. Among top players, the Maroczy Bind has a very drawish reputation. This doesn't mean that all Maroczy Bind games are dull, though. Just witness this game!

5. ... Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3



Position after 7.Be3

The move-order up to now has been important. In some lines, it is common for Black to capture on *d4* and force the White queen to recapture. Black then hopes to gain time by threatening the queen on *d4* with the *g7* bishop. In theory, this goes out the window as soon as White plays *Be3* since the bishop can recapture on *d4* and be in an excellent position to support White's attack. Therefore, the following mini-combination by Black is to be expected. Black can only hope to have a permanently inferior game after moves like *7. ... O-O 8. Be2*. The following move has been played countless times.

7. ... Ng4

"But, but, Black just dropped a piece. I don't get it. This is stupid. I'm going to take up another game. Don't even try to justify this move because I'm not buying it."

Chess opening theory is full of unusual moves. This one counts as one of the stranger variations. White doesn't have as many candidate moves here as it appears. For starters, the bishop on *e3* can't really move. Capturing on *c6* looks reasonable. Let's look at this forcing line: *8.Nxc6 Nxe3* (forced) *9.Nxd8* (or accept a crummy pawn structure for nothing after *9.fe bc*) *Nxd1 10.Rxd1 Kxd8* and Black has the two bishops with no real weaknesses. while White is certainly not losing here (and *11.c5* looks cramping), he can look for more with the advantage of the first move. The only other reasonable move appears to be the game continuation.

8.Qxg4 Nxd4 9.Qd1

White's play has appeared to violate many opening principles. The White queen has moved early and also moved twice. But, Black was threatening *9. ... Nc2+* and *9. ... d5* and White's move stopped both threats. Black is forced to retreat (or play weirdly as we shall see), so White really hasn't lost any tempi (look at development after Black's next move).

9. ... Ne6

This is standard and best. *9. ... Nc6* isn't as bad as its reputation, but theory holds that the knight is better positioned on *e6*. Incredibly, Black has a perfectly playable alternative instead of *9. ... Ne6*. He has the ugly looking *9. ... e5!?*. I faced this twice in an Atlanta tournament a couple of years ago. I lost both games! White can clearly play *10.Bxd4 ed 11.Nd5* and the peace treaty is ready to be signed. In theory, the best line for White here is *10. Be2!* with lots of complicated stuff to follow. I won't try to explain this position. This line is better for Black than it may look.

10. Qd2 Qa5 11.Rc1 O-O

I'm not too sure that move-order makes a big difference here. Nonetheless, *11. ... O-O* is not usually played at this point. It is time to start looking for bad moves by Black as White is clearly on top in just three more moves. Developmental moves like *11. ... b6* and *11. ... d6* come to mind.

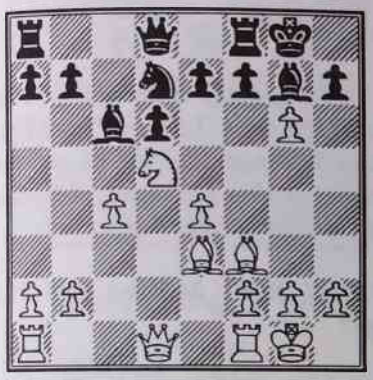
12.Be2 d6 13.O-O Bd7?!

I'm not sure what to play for Black already. White's next move puts Black's position in serious jeopardy.

14.Nd5 Qd8

Black did not want to achieve such a position when he permitted the Maroczy Bind. White has a fine knight on *d5*, a space advantage, and he is ready to do a little target practice with *f4 - f5*. Black has a solid position but he has to unravel everything before even considering trying for an advantage.

15.f4 Bc6 15.f5 Nc5 17.Bf3 Nd7 18.fg



Position after 18.fg

18. ... hg

Forced. *18. ... fg* runs into *19.Nf4* and the Black hole on *e6* is nearly decisive.

19.b3 b6 20.Bg5 Bxd5

White was creating some serious pressure on *e7* and this capture certainly brings relief. However, the White pawn structure is quite strong after the recapture.

21.ed Ne5

Black covers up the weak *e7* pawn for now. Notice that the advance *e7-e6* will always be difficult for Black since the resulting exchange of pawns would leave Black with weak center pawn targets.

22.Be4 Qd7 23.Rc3 f5

This move looks like desperation but is difficult to refute. The *e6* square is hard to exploit for White. Black noticed that *23.Rc3* threatens a strong attack with *Rh3* and *Qe1 - h4*. This position is very wild just like so many other 'drawish' Maroczy Binds.

24.Bc2 Rf7!?

I don't really like the idea of this move. Black might consider moving his king to the queenside. Clearly the monarch doesn't want a front row seat to the upcoming battle. This move appears to be designed to meet the *Rh3, Qe1, Qh4* threat. However, *23. ... f5* gave White another viable plan. In this position the *c2* bishop screams to be let out of its cage. This bishop is often weak in the Maroczy Bind, but only the *f5* pawn is stopping it from dominating the game. The primary support of the *f5* pawn is the *g6* pawn. So ...

25.h4! Ng4 26.Rh3 Raf8

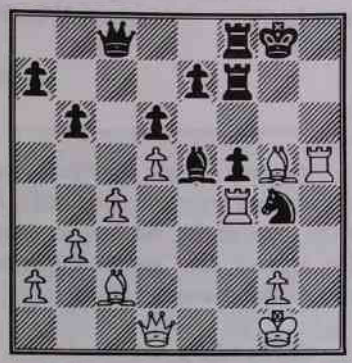
The Black king is now sealed in for the duration. This cannot be good.

27.h5 gh 28.Rxh5 Qc8

With just two moves to go until time control, the variations started to overwhelm me. Black is trying to drum up some counterplay and *Qc5+* is hard for White to stop. Furthermore, Black is threatening to follow up with *Qd4* and a probably exchange of queens. White has to be careful.

29.Rf4!? Be5

To be honest, I had planned to meet this move with *30.Rxg4 fg 31.Bh7+ Kh8?* (I thought the rook on *f7* couldn't capture the bishop because of a blocking bishop on *g7*) *32.Bg6* with an unclear position. Humm, after seeing that my intended variation sacrificed an Exchange only to drop a piece, I started to get depressed. I still needed to keep the Black queen off of *d4*. The following Exchange sacrifice looked interesting. I'm in time trouble, but so is my opponent. I'll force him to make a difficult decision in time pressure ....



Position after 29. ... Be5

30.Bh6!! Qc5+

This move was also depressing. I didn't force him to make any decision. The check was obviously good and allowed him to postpone any decisions for the next time control. However, the Exchange sacrifice is apparently decisive, so I can't feel too bad!

31.Kh1 Bxf4 Qxf4 Nf2+ 33.Kh2 Ng4 + 34.Kh3 Nxh6 35.Qxh6 Qd4 36.Bxf5

White is winning. Black missed this move.

36. ... Qc3+ 37.g3 Qf6

Time to finish off with a cute combination. Combinations which trade everything off and win with the extra pawn also work. My way is cuter, though.

38.Rg5+ Rg7 39.Qh7+ Kf7 40.Rxg7+ Qxg7 41.Be6+ resigns.

Looks like *41. ... Kf6 42.Qf5* is mate, and *41. ... Ke8 42.Qxg7* is clearly lost.

Two Annotated Master Games *by Andrew Whatley*

U.S.Open - Round 11 (8/15/96)
Alexandria, Virginia 40/2; SD/1
Two Knight's Tango

Dean Ippilito (2386) **Andrew Whatley (2206)**

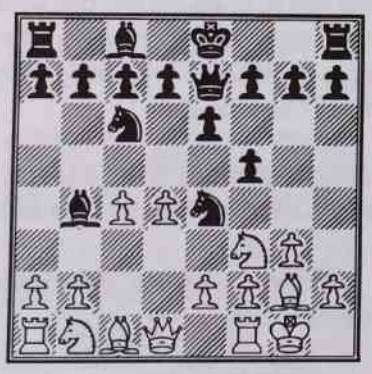
1.d4

Already I was psychologically hurt as I had great success against *1.e4* in the tournament, but had no definite plan against *1.d4* and had just been crushed that morning against it.

1. ... Nf6 c4 Nc6 3.Nf3

I go for a Two Knight's Tango, an opening I used to play. Yet I couldn't remember the 3.*Nf3* lines so I embark on a poor plan of taking the *e4* square.

3. ... e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.Bg2 Ne4 7.O-O f5? 8.Bc1!?



Position after ***8.Bc1!?***

Now Black's bishop is all alone, ready to be trapped. Slightly better is *8.Be3!* which does not allow the game continuation.

8. ... Qf6?!

Obviously, this loses the bishop to *c5, a3,* etc. Yet the alternative is not great either: *8. ... b6 9.a3 Bd6 10.b4* and now if *10. ... Qf7 11.b5 Na5 12.Ng5* hurts (*10. ... Qd8* also loses a pawn to this). For these reasons, the piece sac (or drop as it may be) must be considered. In any case, because I was so shocked after *8. Bc1,* I thought that my piece was lost and there followed:

9.c5 b6 10.a3 Ba5 11.b4 bc 12.ba Nxd4?!

After *12. ... cd* I feared *Bb2* and White's active development (e.g., *Nd2; Rc1*). Perhaps I feared too much as the middlegame was unclear since I would have a massive center with *e5* and *d5*. Instead I went into an endgame where drawing was the best I could hope for.

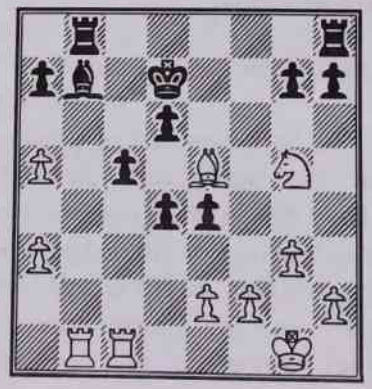
13.Nxd4 Qxd4

13.cd would be bad due to *14.Bb2 c5 15.Nbd2 d5 16.Rc1 Qe7 17.Nb3.*

14.Qxd4 cd 15.Bf4?

Here *15.Bb2 c5 16.Nbd2 d5 17.Nb3* fails to *17. ...Rb8.* However, *15.Nd2 d5 16.Nb3!* looks good for White and if *15.Nd2 Bb7* then *16.a6* and *a) 16. ...Bxa6 17.Nxe4; b) 16. ...Bc6 17.Nb3; c) 16. ...Bd5 17.Nxe4 fe 18.e3* with control of the dark squares.

15. ... d6 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.Rfc1 Kd7 18.Nf3 c5 19.Ng5 e5 20.Rab1 Rab8 21.Bxe4 fe 22.Bxe5??



(Previous diagram is after ***22.Bxe5??)***

Because of Black's solid setup, White feels he must sacrifice. However, Black is at least equal if not better after *22. ... de 23.Rxc5 Ba8!* with strong passed pawns and a threat on the *Rb1.*

22. ... Bd5??

Completely missing *...Ba8* after taking the piece, I thought I was lost because I would lose all of my center pawns. So after 13 minutes of daydreaming I decided to play this howler.

23.Bxg7 Rxb1 24.Rxb1 Rg8 25.Bf6 Rg6?

25. ... Rf8 is better, but Black is still lost after *26.Bxd4 cd 27.Rd1* winning the *d*-pawn.

26.Nxh7 Kc7

If *26. ... Rh6, 27.Nf8+.* Although Black is completely lost I deciede to wait until time pressure is over to resign. We both have about 20 minutes here.

27.Rc1?? Rh6 28.Bxd4 Rxh7

Now I have my piece back and can fight for a draw. *27.Bh4* and *28.Nf6* or *27.Rd1 Rh6 28.Bxd4 Rxh7 29.Bxc5* would have won.

29.Be3 Kc6 30.h4 Be6 31.Rb1 Bc4 32.Rb2 d5 33.Bg5 d4 34.Kg2 Be6 35.e3? d3

White should have played 35.*f3* to start pushing his pawns. Now White's light squares will cost him dearly.

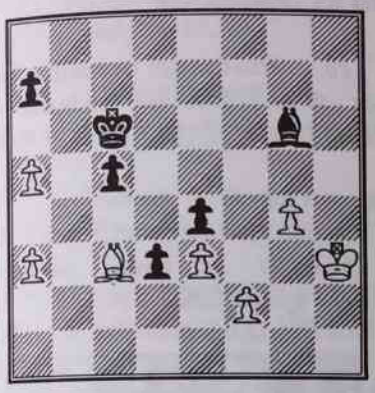
36.Bf6 Bg4 37.Bc3 Rb7

Seeing at least a draw, I decide to exchange rooks.

38.Rxb7 Kxb7 39.h5? Bxh5 40.Kh3??

Thinking he still has a win, White makes a critical mistake and now the race is on.

40 ... Kc6 41.g4 Bg6



*Position after **41. ... Bg6***

If *42.Kg3 Kd5*

a) 43.f4 ef e.p.! 44.Kxf3 Kc4 45.Be1 Kb3 46.e4 Kc2 47.Ke3 Bf7! and Black rolls his *c*-pawn and plays *...d2*.

b) 43.Kf4 Kc4 44.Be1 Kb3 45.Ke5 c4 46.Kd4 Kc2 47.Kxc4 d2 48.Bxd2 Kxd2 with a win.

42.Kh4 Kd5 43.Kg5 Kc4 44.Be1 Kb3 45.Kxg6 c4 46.Kf5

Seeing that Black queens first against a knight pawn on the seventh, White takes pawns. But Black wins the checkered flag.

46. ... c3 47.Kxe4 d2 48.Bxd2 cd 49.f4 d1(Q) 50.g5 Qb1+ 51.Ke5 Qg6 52.e4 Kc4 53.a6 Qxa6 54.f5 Qxa3 55.g6 Qe7+ 56.Kf4 Kd4 57.resigns

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1997 U.S. Cadet -Round 1
July 10, 1997 - 40/2, SD/1

Justin Sarkar (2213) — **Andrew Whatley (2270)**

French Defense - Tarrasch Variation

Although I had a poor finish in the U.S. Cadet this year (one draw in the last three rounds), I did manage a few good games. Here is my best game from the Cadet against the eventual winner.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cd 8.cd Qb6 9.Nf3 f6 10.ef Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.a3 Kh8 14.Bc2

14.Be3 is book (if *14. ...Qxb2?? 15.Na4*). With the text, White allows Black to develop his pieces and to obtain some play against the *d*-pawn.

14. ... Bd7 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Bg5 Re7

Black's bishop heads to *h5* (if *16. ... Qxb2?? 17.Qd3* (threatening *17. ... Bxf6 gf 18. ...Qxh7* mate) *17. ... Re7 18. Reb1* trapping the queen.)

17.b4 Be8 18.b5 Nd8 19.Ne5 Nf7 20.Bf4 Nh6!?

I felt this was the best way to gain an advantage. If *21.Bxh6 gh* and soon the *g*-file becomes useful. Black also has *... Bh5* in mind.

21.Na4?

A mistake which makes *b5* weak.

21. ... Qc7

21. ... Qxb5 is out of the question due to *22.Ng6+ hg 23.Bxd6* winning an Exchange.

22.Qd3 Ne4 23.Bxh6 gh?!

With the *g*-file cleared for attacking, Black soon gains the initiative. Better, however, would have been *23. ... Rxf2!* attacking the other bishop as well.

24.f3 Bxe5 25.de Ng5!

Because of the *... Bg6* threat, Black is allowed to use the knight in his assault on the king.

26.Qb3 Rg7?

Black misses a free pawn with *26. ... Bxb5 27.Qxb5 Qxc2*.

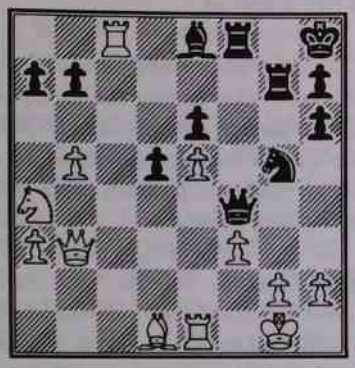
27.Bd1

Black sees that the infiltration of the Queen will be decisive and plays ...

27. ... Qf7 28.Rc1? Qf4

Probably the only defense was *28.Ra2* and *29.Kh1*. Even now *29.Rc3* seems to hold everything but the *f*-pawn which must fall.

29.Rc8?



*Position after **20.Rc8?***

29. ... Qd2!?

Although the given line wins, there is even a prettier win: *29. ...Nh3+ 30.Kh1 Rxg2!! 31.Kxg2 Rg8+ 32.Kxh3 (33.Kf1 Qxh2* with mate in one) *Qf5+ 33.Kh4 Qh5* mate.

30.Re2 Nxf3+ 31.Kh1 Qd4 32.Re3 Nd2 33.Rxe8

White's last hope. If *33. ...Nxb3 34.Rxf8+* with a rook and a bishop for the queen. Black simply protects his rook and threatens mate at the same time.

33. .. Rgf7 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Rf3 Rxf3 36.resigns.

Glad I could help with the *Antics* ... hope this issue is better than ever !

- Andrew Whatley -

A Game from the New York Open *by Andy Reeder*

New York Open - April 2, 1997
Round 1 - 40/2, SD/1
Trompowsky Attack

Andy Reeder (2072)	**Julio Catalino Sadorra** (2072/9)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6

2. ... g6 is probably one of the most solid ways to play against the Trompowsky but I like playing against this line because White gets a positional advantage (i.e., Black's doubled pawns), and has a relatively easy game.

3.Bxf6 ef 4.e3 c5

This move *4. ... c5* is somewhat unusual in this variation, mainly because now White has the oportunity to give Black another pawn weakness, an isolated *d*-pawn. This move is not *all* bad though, because if White does take the pawn, Black gets to activate his dark-squared bishop, which probably wonldn't have seen much action on *g7*.

5.dc Bxc5 6.Bc4

There's nothing like a good developing move with a threat (*7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qd5+ and 9.Qxc5).*

6. ... O-O 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.O-O d6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb3 Kg7

I don't see the point of this move and if anyone does, tell me! This move looks especially looks bad after the next move when he opens up the diagonal that leads directly to his king's new square.

11.Nc3 f5 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Nd4

I wouldn't even consider playing *13.Nxe5*, un-isolating his *d*-pawn after *13. ... de*. After the move actually played, Black cannot play *13. ... Nc4?* on account of *13.Nxe6+ fe 14.Bxc4*.

13. ... Bc4 14.Rfd1 Bxb3

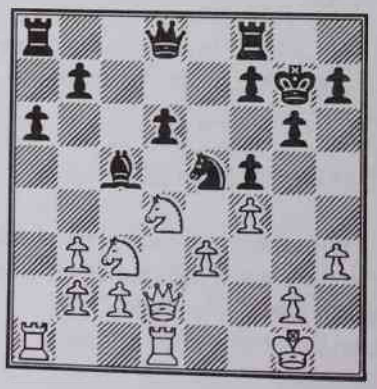
Since he ended up taking my bishop, his last move looks a little silly. It just forces me to move my rook to a better square.

15. ab

Even though I now have doubled pawns, I'm not worried because in some cases, like this one, doubled pawns can be good. For example, my doubled pawns activate my rook on the half open *a*-file, which is a potential avenue for an invasion.

15. ... a6 16.f4

At first glance this move seems bad, but there is more to it than meets the eye. First, it clears the soon to be critical *a1-h8* diagonal of all the Black defenders; and second, it begins to clamp down on Black's weekened kingside. And finally, it prepares my next move.



*Position after **16. f4***

16. ... Nd7 17. b4 Ba7

If *17. ... Bxb4*, then *18.Nxf5+ gf 19.Qd4+*, followed by *20.Qxb4* and Black's position should crumble very quickly, with too many weaknesses.

18.b5 Nf6

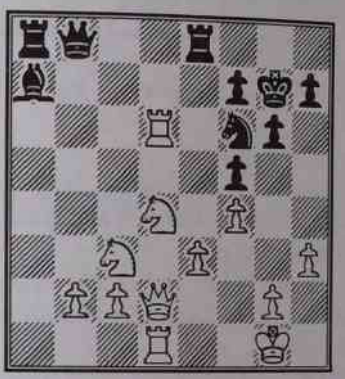
Giving up a pawn, but it doesn't look very good for Black no matter what he does.

19.ba ba 20.Rxa6 Re8

20. ... Bxd4 might be worth a try, but Black should lose the endgame after *21.Rxa8 Bxe3+ 22.Qxe3 Qxa8 23.Rxd6.*

21.Rxd6 Qb8

Not *21. ... Qxd6?* because of *22.Nxf5+ gf 23.Qxd6.*



*Position after **21. ... Qb8***

22.Rxf6 Kxf6

He really didn't have a choice. If he doesn't take the rook he will just be a piece down and lose anyway, so why not try to get out of the mate?

23.Nd5+ Kg7 24.Nxf5+

This move looked right at the time, but actually there is a loophole, after *24. ... gf 25.Qc3+ f6*, White is forced into an unclear position with *26.Qxc6+ Kg8 27.Ne7+ Rxe7 28.Qxe7.*

24. ... Kf8 25.Qc3 Re5 26.fe gf 27.e6 resigns

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1997 U.S.Cadet Championship Games
from the ACF Webpage

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Nashville Chess Center
Nashville, Tennessee
July 10-13, 1997

ROUND ONE

Puckett - - Siegel
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 1, 1997

1.g3 d5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Bg2 Bxf3 5.Bxf3 e5 6.fxe5 Nxe5 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.d4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.0-0 h6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Nd1 Re8 13.c3 Bf8 14.Bd2 Ne4 15.Nf2 f5 16.e3 Ne7 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Qe2 Qd6 19.c4 c6 20.a3 Qe6 21.Rac1 Rad8 22.Bb4 Rd7 23.Rf2 Ng6 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.c5 Rdf7 26.Rcf1 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Rxf2 28.Qxf2 Qf7 29.Bh3 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Ne7 31.Bd7 Kf7 32.b4 Kf6 33.a4 a6 34.Kg2 g6 35.g4 g5 draw

Miloslavsky - - Akopyan
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 1, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd58.Bd3 c5 9.Ne2 Re8 10.0-0 c4 11.Bc2 Nc6 12.f3 b5 13.Ng3 h5 14.Re1 h4 15.Nh1 Rb8 16.e4 dxe4 17.fxe4 Bg4 18.Qd2 a5 19.Nf2 Bh5 20.Bb2 Nh7 21.Nh3Rb7 22.Qf2 Ng5 23.Nf4 Bg4 24.h3 Bd7 25.Rad1 b4 26.Kh1 b3 27.Bb1 Qf6 28.e5 Qh6 29.Nd5 Ne7 30.Ne3 Rc8 31.Bc1 Rcb8 32.Nxc4 Rc7 33.Nd6 Rxc3 34.Nxf7 Qh5 35.Nxg5 Rxc1 36.Rxc1 Qxg5 37.Be4 Be6 38.Qf3 Rf8 39.Bh7+ Kxh7 40.Qxf8 Nf5 1-0

Sarkar - - Whatley
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 1, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Nf3 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.a3 Kh8 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Bg5 Re7 17.b4 Be8 18.b5 Nd8 19.Ne5 Nf7 20.Bf4 Nh6 21.Na4 Qc7 22.Qd3 Ne4 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.f3 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Ng5 26.Qb3 Rg7 27.Bd1 Qf7 28.Rc1 Qf4 29.Rc8 Qd2 30.Re2 Nxf3+ 31.Kh1 Qd4 32.Re3 Nd2 33.Rxe8 Rgf7 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Rf3 Rxf3 0-1

Mont - Reynaud -- Zaremba
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 1, 1997

1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.e4 Bg5 6.Bxg5 Qxg5 7.Nf3 Qe7 8.Nd2 Nh6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Nde4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nf6 15.Bc2 a6 16.Nc3 g6 17.Qd2 Qg7 18.f4 exf4 19.Rxf4 Nf7 20.Raf1 Ne5 21.Bd1 Qe7 22.b3 Rf7 23.Qe1 Raf8 24.Be2 Nfd7 25.g3 Kg7 26.Qd2 h6 27.Kg2 g5 28.Rxf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Bd1 Kg7 31.h3 Nf6 32.Bc2 Qf7 33.Bf5 Qh5 34.g4 Qe8 35.Qe3 Qd8 36.Na4 b5 37.Nb2 Qa5 38.a4 bxa4 39.Nxa4 Qb4 40.Qc3 a5 41.Qxb4 draw

Standings after Round One:

Miloslavsky, Whatley = 1
Mont-Reynaud, Zaremba, Puckett, Siegel = 0.5
Akopyan, Sarkar 0

ROUND TWO

Siegel - - Miloslavsky
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Nc3 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be2 a6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Rac8 16.Qe1 b5 17.Rd2 draw

Zaremba - - Puckett
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 2, 1997

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Qe8 8.b3 e5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.Bb2 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.e3 Na6 13.Qc2 Nc5 14.b4 Ne6 15.Ne2 Qe7 16.Nd4 c5 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.bxc5 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 dxc5 20.Qxb7 Qxb7 21.Bxb7 Rad8 22.Rac1 Rd2 23.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 draw

Whatley - - Mont-Reynaud
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 2, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 a6 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.a4 b4 12.Nb1 a5 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Qe2 c5 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.Be1 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Nd2 Nd5 19.Nc4 Qa7 20.Qc2 Nb6 21.b3 Rfd8 22.Bc6 Bxd4 23.Nxb6 Rxc6 24.Rxd4 Qxb6 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Rd1 Rd6 27.Rc1 Nd3 0-1

Akopyan - - Sarkar
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 2, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 Bd7 7.Be2 Rc8 8.b4 cxd4 9.cxd4 a5 10.b5 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Rxc1 12.Qxc1 Qxd4 13.Qc3 Bc5 14.0-0 Ne7 15.Ra2 Qxc3 16.Nxc3 Bd4 17.Na4 Bxe5 18.Rc2 Nf5 19.Rb1 Ke7 20.Nb6 Bd4 21.Nxd7 Kxd7 22.b6 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Kxc8 24.Rc1+ Kd8 25.Rb1 Nd6 26.Kf1 Kd7 27.Bb5+ Kc8 28.Bd3 h6 29.a4 e5 30.f3 Bc3 31.g4 Kd7 32.Bb5+ Ke6 33.Bd3 g6 34.Ke2 e4 35.fxe4 dxe4 36.Bc2 f5 37.gxf5+ gxf5 38.Rg1 Bf6 39.Bb3+ Ke5 40.Rc1 Bd8 41.Rc5+ Kf6 42.Rd5 Ke7 43.Re5+ Kf8 44.Re6 Nc8 45.Rxh6 Kg7 46.Rc6 Nxb6 47.Re6 Nd7 48.Bc2 Bf6 49.Rd6 Nc5 50.Rd5 Ne6 51.Bb1 Nf4+ 0-1

Standings after Round Two:

Miloslavsky, Mont-Reynaud = 1.5
Whatley, Zaremba, Puckett, Siegel, Sarkar = 1
Akopyan = 0

Round Three

Puckett -- Whatley
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 3, 1997

1.g3 d5 2.f4 g6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nc3 Qb6 6.b3 Nf6 7.e3 Ng4 8.d4 h5 9.Qd2 Bf5 10.Bb2 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Rd8 12.Rhe1 Ndf6 13.h3 Nh6 14.Ng5 0-0 15.e4 dxe4 16.Ncxe4 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Nf5 18.Qf2 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 c5 20.c3 cxd4 21.cxd4 Rd7 22.g4 Nd6 23.Re3 Nb5 24.gxh5 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Nxd4 26.Kb1 Rc8 27.Red3 Rcd8 28.hxg6 Qxg6 29.Qg3 Qxg3 30.Rxg3+ Kf8 31.Rgd3 b6 32.h4 e6 33.Bh3 Rd5 34.Bg2 R5d6 35.Bf3 Ke7 36.Bh5 Rd5 37.Bg4 Nb5 38.Rxd5 Rxd5 39.Rxd5 Nc3+ 40.Kc2 Nxd5 41.Kd3 Nxf4+ 42.Kc4 f5 43.Bd1 e5 44.Kb5 e4 0-1

Mont-Reynaud -- Akopyan
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 3, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.g3 dxc4 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Qxc4 Na5 10.Qa4 b6 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Rd1 Bc6 14.Qc2 Be4 15.Qa4 Bc6 16.Qc2 Be4 17.Qb2 Qd5 18.Ne1 Nc4 19.Qa2 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 Ne4 21.Nf4 Qc6 22.Qc2 Rcd8 23.Nd3 Na5 24.Bd2 Qc4 25.Rab1 c5 26.Be1 cxd4 27.Ne5 d3 28.Rxd3 Qc7 29.Rxd8 Qxe5 30.Rbd1 Nc4 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Rd4 Ned6 33.Qd3 b5 34.Bd2 g5 35.Qxh7 Qf6 36.Qd3 e5 37.Rg4 e4 38.Qd5 e3 39.Bxe3 Nxe3 40.fxe3 Nf5 41.Qc5+ Kg7 42.e4 1-0

Sarkar -- Miloslavsky
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 3, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Bd3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Qg5 13.0-0 e5 14.Qe2 Bf5 15.Bc4 Qg6 16.f4 e4 17.Rae1 Rfe8 18.Qf2 Qd6 19.b4 a6 20.Re3 b5 21.Bb3 Kf8 22.g4 Be6 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.f5 Qd5 25.f6 Ne5 26.fxg7+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Rad8 28.Rxe4 Nf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxe4 30.Rd3 Qxd3 31.cxd3 Re6 32.Be5 Rc8 33.d4 Rce8 34.g5 R6e7 35.Kf2 Re6 36.Kf3 1-0

Zaremba -- Siegel
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 3, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Be7 11.a3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Qc2 g6 14.Bh6 Re8 15.Rfe1 Bb7 16.Rxe6 fxe6 17.Bxg6 Bf6 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Qg6 Rf8 20.Ng5 Qe8 21.Bxf8 Qxg6 22.Bxg6 Bxg5 23.Bd6 Bd2 24.Be4 Bxc3 25.Rc1 Bxd4 26.h4 Na5 27.Bg6 Rd8 28.Be7 Rd7 29.Bg5 Kg7 30.h5 Nb3 31.Re1 Bf6 32.f4 Rd2 33.Rxe6 Rxg2+ 34.Kf1 Nd2+ 35.Ke1 Nf3+ 36.Kf1 Rg1+ 37.Kf2 Bd4+ 38.Ke2 Re1+ 39.Kd3 Rxe6 40.f5 Be4+ 41.Kc4 Rc6+ 0-1

Standings after Round Three:

Mont-Reynaud = 2.5
Whatley, Sarkar, Siegel = 2
Miloslavsky = 1.5
Puckett, Zaremba = 1
Akopyan = 0

Round Four

Akopyan -- Puckett
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 4, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.c4 e6 5.dxe6 Bxe6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.d3 Qc7 9.Ne4 Be7 10.g3 0-0-0 11.Qb3 Rhe8 12.Bg2 Bf5 13.Ne5 Nb4 14.Nf2 Bd6 15.0-0 Bxe5 16.fxe5 Ng4 17.Bh3 h5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.Bf4 Qd8 20.Rad1 Nxd3 21.Nxg4 Bxg4 22.Bxg4 hxg4 23.Bg5 Qxg5 24.Rxd3 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 Re7 26.Qf5+ Qxf5 27.Rxf5 b6 28.Kf2 Kd7 29.Rf4 Ke6 30.Rxg4 Kxe5 31.Rxg7 Kd4 32.h4 Kxc4 33.h5 Kd3 34.h6 Re2+ 35.Kf3 Rh2 36.h7 Kc2 37.Rxf7 Kxb2 38.g4 c4 39.g5 c3 40.g6 c2 41.Rc7 b5 42.Rxc2+ Kxc2 43.g7 Rxh7 44.g8Q Rh3+ 45.Ke4 Ra3 46.Qd5 Kb2 47.Qd2+ Kb1 48.Kd4 Rxa2 49.Qc3 Ra4+ 50.Kd3 Ka2 51.Qc2+ Ka3 52.Qb1 Rc4 53.Qa1+ Kb4 54.Qxa6 Kc5 55.Qa7+ Kc6 56.Qa6+ Kc5 57.Qa7+ Kc6 58.Qa5 Ra4 59.Qd8 Rc4 60.Qb8 Kc5 61.Qc7+ Kb4 62.Qa7 Rc3+ 63.Kd2 Rc4 64.Qa2 Kc5 65.Qa3+ Kc6 66.Kd3 Kb6 67.Qa8 Kc5 68.Qa6 Rd4+ 69.Ke3 Rc4 70.Qb7 Rc3+ 71.Ke4 Kc4 72.Ke5 Kb4 73.Kd6 Ka4 74.Qe4+ b4 75.Kd5 Ka3 76.Qe1 Rc2 77.Qa1+ Kb3 78.Qb1+ Kc3 79.Kc5 b3 80.Qe1+ and eventually 1-0

Whatley -- Zaremba
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 4, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nbd2 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Bf4 f5 12.h4 Nc5 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.g4 Ne4 15.gxf5 exf5 16.Bb3 Bc6 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Qg4 Qc8 19.Qg3 Qf5 20.Be3 Qf3 21.Qxf3 exf3 22.0-0-0 Rf5 23.Bxd5+ Bxd5 24.Rxd5 b6 25.Bd4 Kf7 26.Kd2 Ke6 27.c4 Rd8 28.Rxd8 Bxd8 29.Ke3 Bc7 30.Rg1 g6 31.Rg4 Bd8 32.a4 Be7 33.Rf4 Bc5 34.Rxf5 Kxf5 35.a5 h5 36.axb6 axb6 37.b4 Bxb4 38.Bxb6 Kxe5 39.Kxf3 Be7 40.Kg3 g5 41.hxg5 Bxg5 42.Kf3 Bc1 43.Ke2 Bg5 44.Kd3 h4 45.Ke2 Kf5 46.Kf3 Bf4 47.Kg2 Kg4 48.f3+ Kf5 49.Bf2 Ke5 50.Kh3 Bd2 51.Kg4 Bb4 52.Be3 Be1 53.f4+ Ke4 54.c5 Ba5 55.f5 h3 56.Bf4 Kd5 57.f6 Ke6 58.Be5 h2 59.Bxh2 Kxf6 60.Kf3 Ke6 61.Ke4 Kd7 62.Kd5 Kc8 63.Kc6 Be1 64.Kb5 Bf2 65.c6 Be3 66.Be5 Bg1 draw

Siegel -- Sarkar
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 4, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 cxd4 10.Bxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Nd7 12.Rc1 Nc5 13.Qd2 Qa5 14.Rfd1 Ne6 15.b3 Bd4 16.Nd5 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 a5 18.Kf1 Kg7 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Nxc3 Ned4 21.Nb5 Nxf3 22.gxf3 a4 23.Nd4 axb3 24.axb3 Ra2 25.c5 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 dxc5 27.Rxc5 Rb2 28.Rd3 Ra8 29.f4 Raa2 30.Rf3 Re2 31.e5 e6 32.Rb5 Re4 33.Rxb7 Rd2 34.Rc7 Rdd4 35.Rc4 Rxc4 36.bxc4 Rxc4 37.Kg2 Re4 38.Kg3 f6 39.exf6+ Kxf6 40.Ra3 e5 41.fxe5+ Kxe5 42.Ra5+ Kf6 43.h4 Re5 44.Ra6+ Kf5 45.Ra7 h5 46.Rf7+ draw

Milolavsky -- Mont-Reynaud
U.S. Cadet Championship, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.Rd1 Qc8 12.Qc2 Nb4 13.Qb3 c5 14.a3 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.f3 Rd8 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8

19.e4 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Nd7 21.Bg5 Nc5 22.Qc2 Ba4 23.Nxa4 Qxa4 24.Rc1 e6 25.b4 Qxc2 26.Rxc2 Nb3 27.Ba6 h6 28.Be7 Be5 29.Kg1 Re8 30.Bh4 draw

Standings after Round Four:

Mont-Reynaud = 3
Whatley, Siegel, Sarkar = 2.5
Miloslavsky = 2
Zaremba = 1.5
Akopyan, Puckett = 1

Round 5

Zaremba -- Akopyan
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd.5, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 exf4 7.Bxf4 Qe7 8.d4 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Bg4 11.Qd3 0-0 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ne8 15.Rae1 Qg5 16.Qe4 c6 17.Rxf7 Rxf7 18.Bf4 Qd8 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxg4 Qxa2 22.Qd7 Qf7 23.Re7 Qg6 24.Bf4 b5 25.Be5 Kf8 26.Re6 Qg5 27.h4 Qxh4 28.Rxe8+ 1-0 (Best Game Prize)

Whatley -- Siegel
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 5, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 c5 5.dxc5 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Nxc5 7.e3 Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.c4 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Nd3+ 12.Bxd3 Bb4 13.cxd5 Bxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Nb4 15.Be4 Nxd5 16.Be5 f6 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Bc3 Qxg2 19.0-0-0 Kf7 20.Rhg1 Qxh2 21.Rg3 Rad8 22.Rdg1 Rhg8 23.Ne4 Qh5 24.f3 Qd5 25.b3 Qd3 26.Kb2 Qe2+ 27.Ka3 e5 28.Re1 Qc2 29.Bb4 Rd1 30.Rxd1 Qxd1 31.Nd6+ Ke6 32.Nxb7 Qc1+ 33.Ka4 Qc6+ 0-1

Mont-Reynaud -- Sarkar
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 5, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Bg5 f6 6.Bd2 b5 7.a4 b4 8.Ne4 Ba6 9.e3 Qd5 10.Ng3 Nd7 11.b3 e5 12.dxe5 fxe5 13.bxc4 Qe6 14.Bd3 Bxc4 15.Ng5 Qd5 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Bxg6+ hxg6 18.Qxh8 Nc5 19.Nf3 Nd3+ 20.Kf1 e4 21.Nd4 c5 22.Nde2 Qf7 23.Nxe4 Qe7 24.N4c3 bxc3 25.Bxc3 Bh6 26.Kg1 Nxf2 27.Rf1 Bxe3 28.Rxf2 Bxf2+ Qf4+ 32.g4 g5+ 0-1

Puckett -- Miloslavsky
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 5, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3 Ne4 4.Bf4 e6 5.Nd2 Bd6 6.Bxd6 cxd6 7.Nxe4 dxe48.Qg4 0-0 9.Qxe4 Qb6 10.Rb1 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxa2 12.Bd3 f5 13.Qh4 Bd7 14.Qh5 Bc6 15.Nh3 Nd7 16.0-0 Nf6 17.Qe2 Qa5 18.Bc4 Rae8 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qc2 Qb621.Rfd1 Kh8 22.Ra1 a6 23.Qb1 Re7 24.Qa2 Rfe8 25.Bb3 Ne4 26.Rac1 Qc7 27.c4 Rc8 28.c5 d5 29.Qa3 Ree8 30.Bc2 Bb5 31.Bd3 Bc6 32.Bf1 Qe7 33.b4 g5 34.Nd3 g4 35.Ne5 Rf8 36.Rb1 Qh4 37.g3 Qh5 38.Nxc6 Rxc6 39.b5 axb5 40.Rxb5 Ng5 41.Bg2 Nf3+ 42.Bxf3 gxf3 43.Qd3 Qh3 draw

Standings after Round Five:

Siegel, Sarkar = 3.5; Mont-Reynaud = 3;
Zaremba, Whatley, Miloslavsky = 2.5;
Puckett = 1.5; Akopyan = 1

Round 6

Miloslavsky -- Zaremba
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 6, 1997

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.h3 Re8 8.Be2 c6 9.0-0 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Qa5 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Qb3 b6 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.Rd6 Rac8 16.Qc2 Nh5 17.Bh2 Qc5 18.a3 Qg5 19.Kh1 Qh4 20.Bf3 Qxc4 21.Rad1 Nf6 22.R1d4 Qf1+ 23.Bg1 Qa6 24.Bxc6 Rxc6 25.Rxc6 Nh5 26.Rd1 Qb7 27.Rcd6 Bxh3 28.e4 Bg4 29.Rd8 Qe7 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8 31.Ne2 Qe7 32.Bh2 Qh4 33.Kg1 Bf6 34.f3 Be6 35.Nc3 Bg5 36.Qf2 Kf8 37.Qxh4 Bxh4 38.Nd5 Ng7 39.Bb8 a6 40.Nxb6 Bf6 41.Nd7+ Bxd7 42.Rxd7 Bxb2 43.Bd6+ Ke8 44.Re7+ Kd8 45.Rxf7 h5 46.Kf1 Ne6 47.Ra7 1-0

Akopyan -- Whatley
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 6, 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 f6 7.b4 fxe5 8.dxe5 Qc7 9.Bf4 c4 10.a4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Bxb4+ 12.Ke2 Ne7 13.Bd2 c3 14.Qb3 cxd2 15.Qxb4 0-0 16.Nbxd2 Ng6 17.g3 Nxe5 18.Bg2 a5 19.Qb3 b5 20.Rhc1 Qd6 21.axb5 Rab8 22.Nd4 Ng4 23.f4 Kh8 24.h3 Nf6 25.N2f3 Ne4 26.Ne5 Nc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5 28.Nxd7 Qxd4 29.Rd1 Qa7 30.Nxf8 Rxf8 31.b6 Qa6+ 32.Kf2 Rb8 33.Rb1 h5 34.Bf1 Qc8 35.b7 Qc5+ 36.Kg2 d4 37.Qc4 1-0

Sarkar -- Puckett
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 6, 1997

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qd3 Be6 11.Be3 a6 12.b3 Qa5 13.Rac1 Rfc8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.Qb1 Rab8 16.c5 dxc5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5 Be6 19.Rdxc5 Qd8 20.Qd3 Rxc5 21.Rxc5 Qxd3 22.Bxd3 Rd8 23.Bc2 Rc8 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Bb6 Bd7 26.f4 e5 27.f5 gxf5 28.exf5 Bc6 29.Kf2 Bh6 30.g3 Kg7 31.Be3 f6 32.h4 Bxe3+ 33.Kxe3 a5 34.a3 b6 35.g4 h6 36.b4 axb4 37.axb4 Kf7 38.Bd3 Ba4 39.Ke4 Bc6+ 40.Ke3 Ba4 41.Ke4 Bc6+ draw

Siegel -- Mont-Reynaud
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 6, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Qb3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Rd1 Qc8 11.Bd2 Qb7 12.Rac1 a6 13.d5 Na5 14.Qa4 c5 15.e4 Bd7 16.Qc2 e6 17.Bf4 exd5 18.exd5 b5 19.Be5 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nc4 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.b3 Nd6 24.Rdd1 Rfe8 25.Nd2 Bd4 26.Nde4 Rad8 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.Ne2 Qxd5 31.Qd3 Nf5 32.Rd1 Rd8 33.g4 Nh4 34.Qg3 Nf3+ 35.Kf1 d3 36.Nf4 Qe4 37.h4 d2 38.Ne2 Re8 39.Nc3 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 b4 41.Qxf3 bxc3 42.Qxc3+ Kg8 43.Rxd2 Qe7 44.Qg3 Qe4+ 45.Qf3 Qe7 46.Qg3 Qe4+ 47.Qf3 Qe7 draw

Standings after Round Six:

Siegal, Sarkar = 4; Mont-Reynaud,
Miloslavsky = 3.5;
Zaremba, Whatley = 2.5; Puckett,
Akopyan = 2

Round 7

Puckett - - Mont-Reynaud
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 7, 1997

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.f3 Nf6 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nc3 exf3 7.Nxf3 g6 8.Bc4 Bg7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 c6 11.h4 Bf5 12.h5 b5 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd5 15.Be5 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 f6 17.Bf4 Qd5 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Kb1 Nd7 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.Qe3 Bh8 22.Nh4 Qh5 23.g4 Qd5 24.Nxg6 Nf8 25.Bxf8 1-0

Whatley - - Miloslavsky
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 7, 1997

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Be7 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Nd2 a6 8.a4 b6 9.Nc4 Ra7 10.Rb1 a5 11.Ne3 Ne8 12.Bg4 Nd7 13.f3 g6 14.0-0 Ng7 15.Bh3 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.Nb5 Rb7 18.Nc4 Nf6 19.Bh6 Nfe8 20.Qd2 Rf6 21.Bg5 Rg6 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.f4 Qh4 24.Kh1 Nh5 25.Rbe1 e4 26.c3 Qd8 draw

Akopyan - - Siegel
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 7, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Qc7 11.Bd2 e6 12.0-0-0 Ngf6 13.c4 Bd6 14.Ne4 Bf4 15.Kb1 Bxd2 16.Rxd2 0-0-0 17.g3 Rhe8 18.Nxf6 Nxf6 19.Qa3 Kb8 20.Re2 Qd6 21.Qb3 Re7 22.Rh4 Rc7 23.Ne5 c5 24.Rd2 Qe7 25.Qf3 Ne8 26.Rf4 f6 27.Ng6 Qd6 28.d5 Rcd7 29.Re4 Nc7 30.Nf4 exd5 31.cxd5 Qa6 32.Re3 b6 33.Red3 Qb7 34.a3 Rd6 35.Qg4 Nxd5 36.Ka1 Qc6 37.Qf3 Ne7 38.Qxc6 Rxd3 39.Qe6 Rxd2 40.Qxe7 R2d7 41.Qe4 Rd6 42.Ng6 a6 43.Ne7 R8d7 44.Nf5 Rd2 45.f3 Rc7 46.Qf4 Rdd7 47.Nd6 Ka7 48.Ne8 Rb7 49.Kb1 Rd4 50.Qf5 Re7 51.Qc8 Rdd7 52.Qc6 Rb7 53.Nd6 Rec7 54.Qa4 b5 55.Qa5 Rd7 56.Nxb7 Kxb7 54.Qa4 b5 55.Qa5 Rd7 56.Nxb7 Kxb7 57.Qe1 c4 58.g4 Rc7 59.f4 Rd7 60.Qe6 Rc7 61.Kc2 Rc6 62.Qf7+ Rc7 63.Qg6 Rd7 64.g5 hxg5 65.f5 a5 66.h6 gxh6 67.Qxf6 b4 68.axb4 axb4 69.Qe6 Kc7 70.f6 b3+ 71.Kc1 Rd8 72.f7 1-0

Zaremba - - Sarkar
U.S. Cadet Championship, Rd. 7, 1997

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3Ne7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Qg6 11.Qxg6 hxg6 12.h4 Nd7 13.Ke2 Nf5 14.g3 f6 15.Rhc1 Kf7 16.Na4 Nd6 17.Nd2 g5 18.hxg5 fxg5 19.Rh1 Rh6 20.Rxh6 gxh6 21.g4 Nf6 22.f3 Re8 23.Nc5 h5 24.gxh5 Nf5 25.Nxb7 Rxe3+ 26.Kf2 Rd3 27.Nb3 Nh4 28.Nd8+ Kg7 29.Ke2 Rxf3 30.Rf1 g4 31.Nd2 Rxf1 32.Nxf1 Ne4 33.Nxc6 g3 34.Nxg3 Nxg3+ 35.Kd3 Nxh5 36.Nxa7 Kf7 37.a4 Ke6 38.Nb5 Kd7 39.a5 Nf4+ 40.Kc3 Ne6 41.Kb4 Kc6 42.a6 Nf5 43.a7 Kb7 44.Nc3 Ne7 45.Kb5 Kxa7 46.Nxd5 Nxd5 47.b4 Kb7 48.Kc4 Kc6 49.b5+ Kd6 50.b6 Nxb6+ 51.Kd3 Nd5 52.Ke4 Ng7 53.Kd3 Nf5 54.Ke4 Ke6 55.Kd3 Nd6 56.Ke2 Kf5 57.Kf3 Ne4 58.Ke2 Kf4 59.Kd3 Nd6 60.Ke2 Kg3 61.Kd2 Kf2 62.Kd3 Ke1 63.Kc2 Ke2 64.Kc1 Nc4 65.Kc2 Nd2 66.Kc1 Kd3 67.Kd1 Nf3 68.Kc1 Ne1 69.Kd1 Nc2 70.Kc1 Nce3 71.Kb2 Kc4 72.Ka3 Nd1 73.Ka4 N1c3+ 74.Ka3 Nb5+ 75.Kb2 Kd3 76.Kb3 Nd6 77.Kb2 Kd2 78.Kb3 Kc1 79.Ka3 Kc2 80.Ka4 Kb2 81.Ka5 Kb3 82.Ka6 Kb4 83.Ka7 Kb5 84.Ka8 Ka6 85.Kb8 Kb6 86.Ka8 Nc7+ 87.Kb8 Na6+ 88.Ka8 Nb5 89.d5 Nbc7# 0-1

Final Standings:

1st: Sarkar -- 5 points ($300 + trophy)
2nd: Siegel -- 4 points ($112.50 + trophy)
3rd: Miloslavsky -- 4 points ($112.50 + trophy)
4th: Mont-Reynaud -- 3.5 points (plaque)
5th: Whatley -- 3 points (plaque)
6th: Puckett -- 3 points (plaque)
7th: Akopyan -- 3 points (plaque)
8th: Zaremba -- 2.5 points (plaque)

Jeff Pennig $100 Best Game Prize:
to Andrei Zaremba -- for Zaremba-Akopyan in Rd. 5
(Judged by GM Sam Palatnik)

Tournament Staff:

Mark Ishee, Chief TD
Ben Bentrup & Jason Knight, Ass't TDs
Alvin Harris, Organizer

through Round 7 (final), posted 14 July

	Name	Age	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	SIEGEL, NOAH	14	2311	X	1	0	=	=	=	1	=	4.0
2	ZAREMBA, ANDREI	14	2299	0	X	1	0	=	=	=	0	2.5
3	AKOPYAN, HARUTYUN	15	2295	1	0	X	0	1	0	1	0	3.0
4	MILOSLAVSKY, VLADIMIR	15	2280	=	1	1	X	=	=	=	0	4.0
5	PUCKETT, MATTHEW	15	2276	=	=	0	=	X	1	0	=	3.0
6	MONT-REYNAUD, JORDY	13	2276	=	=	1	=	0	X	1	0	3.5
7	WHATLEY, ANDREW	15	2270	0	=	0	=	1	0	X	1	3.0
8	SARKAR, JUSTIN	15	2213	=	1	1	1	=	1	0	X	5.0*

Alabama Scholastic Individual Championships
16 March 1996

Open

Player		Prev	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	Andrew Whatley	2250	W06	W03	W02	W07	W05	5.0
2	James Richardson	1524	W11	W04	L01	W06	W07	4.0
3	Thomas Elmes	1374	W12	L01	L07	W09	W04	3.0
4	Jon S Brzezinski	1106	W05	L02	W08	W10	L03	3.0
5	Joshua A Cowart	1020	L04	W11	W09	W08	L01	3.0
6	Caleb McPherson	0803	L01	W10	W11	L02	B	3.0
7	Scott Alan Miller	1499	W10	D08	W03	L01	L02	2.5
8	Derrick Dailey	0869	W09	D07	L04	L05	W10	2.5
9	Miles T Foshee	0645	L08	B	L05	L03	W11	2.0
10	Michelle Craig	0556	L07	L06	B	L04	L08	1.0
11	Brian Bates	UNR	L02	L05	L06	B	L09	1.0
12	Conor Carey	UNR	L03	F	F	F	F	0.0

Reserve

Player		Prev	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	Shafer B Gaston	1248	W15	W14	W05	D02	W08	4.5
2	David Sloan	1241	W20	W17	W11	D01	W03	4.5
3	Parakash P Pratibhu	1087	W09	W10	W17	W05	L02	4.0
4	Gary R Williams	0876	L13	W18	W15	W14	W07	4.0
5	Chad Aaron Wilbanks	1323	W08	W07	L01	L03	W14	3.0
6	Vaibhav Vohra	0974	L10	W09	L08	W12	W13	3.0
7	Kasey Gildersleeve	0939	W19	L05	W10	W13	L04	3.0
8	Warren T Robbins	0904	L05	W19	W06	W11	L01	3.0
9	Kevin DeAndrade	UNR	L03	L06	W19	W15	W11	3.0
10	Darrell Cox	UNR	W06	L03	L07	W20	W17	3.0
11	Shikhar Vohra	1074	W18	W13	L02	L08	L09	2.0
12	Chris W Dailey	0853	L17	W20	L14	L06	W18	2.0
13	Arjun Rustagi	0769	W04	L11	W20	L07	L06	2.0
14	Israel Solomon	UNR	W16	L01	W12	L04	L05	2.0
15	Brian S Barrentine	UNR	L01	W16	L04	L09	W19	2.0
16	Green Brooks	UNR	L14	L15	L18	W19	W20	2.0
17	Ari Friedman	0956	W12	L02	L03	D18	L10	1.5
18	Michael Levison	UNR	L11	L04	W16	D17	L12	1.5
19	Robert W Jones	0569	L07	L08	L09	L16	L15	0.0
20	Adam McCuiston	UNR	L02	L12	L13	L10	L16	0.0

Elementary

Player		Prev	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	Al Tanju	0874	W21	W10	W15	W06	W02	5.0
2	William Berry	1203	W12	W11	W18	W04	L01	4.0
3	Kendra King	0900	L05	W25	W19	W18	W10	4.0
4	Forrest Pearce	0880	W13	W20	W07	L02	W09	4.0
5	William C Lucas	1030	W03	W09	D06	D07	D08	3.5
6	Lewis Lehe	1002	B	W14	D05	L01	W15	3.5
7	Kaitlin A Kirk	0868	W23	W16	L04	D05	W18	3.5
8	Sean A Wilson	0839	W22	L15	W24	W21	D05	3.5
9	Brooks Taylor	0874	W30	L05	W12	W22	L04	3.0
10	David Hall	0853	W31	L01	W13	W14	L03	3.0
11	Michael Friedman	0820	W26	L02	W17	L15	W21	3.0
12	Tim Beenken	0751	L02	W26	L09	W19	W20	3.0
13	David King	0726	L04	W30	L10	W25	W22	3.0
14	E T Brown	0684	W28	L06	W29	L10	W23	3.0
15	Andrew Rozsa	UNR	W27	W08	L01	W11	L06	3.0
16	Brian Turner	0826	W19	L07	L22	D17	W24	2.5
17	Tyler Lester	0557	W29	L18	L11	D16	W27	2.5
18	Brennan G Young	1000	W24	W17	L02	L03	L07	2.0
19	Eric Lewis	0940	L16	W28	L03	L12	W31	2.0
20	John E Gipson	0884	W25	L04	L21	W31	L12	2.0
21	Jack Gerrity	0760	L01	W31	W20	L08	L11	2.0
22	Charlie Hunter	0758	L08	W27	W16	L09	L13	2.0
23	Jason Turner	0658	L07	L24	B	W29	L14	2.0
24	Christina Charles	0620	L18	W23	L08	W27	L16	2.0
25	Cale Coggins	0456	L20	L03	W26	L13	W30	2.0
26	Jacquese Evans	0269	L11	L12	L25	W28	W29	2.0
27	Kyle Fritz	0684	L15	L22	W30	L24	L17	1.0
28	W Deavlo Taylor	0639	L14	L19	L31	L26	B	1.0
29	Marie Wilson	0361	L17	B	L14	L23	L26	1.0
30	Jacob Dunkerson	UNR	L09	L13	L27	B	L25	1.0
31	Corey Dunkerson	UNR	L10	L21	W28	L20	L19	1.0

Primary

Player		Prev	R01	R02	R03	R04	R05	Score
1	Mason Williams	0892	W29	W15	W09	W06	W02	5.0
2	Nathan Hall	0927	W23	W16	W03	W08	L01	4.0
3	Joseph R Chaffee	0798	W20	W04	L02	W09	W08	4.0
4	Uche A Afrika	0886	W28	L03	W24	W16	D05	3.5
5	Kelly Stewart	0815	W22	W19	L08	W12	D04	3.5
6	Paul Voorhees	0648	D24	W21	W17	L01	W18	3.5
7	Christie Sturgeon	UNR	W26	L09	D11	W24	W10	3.5
8	Peter S Petroff	0932	W14	W10	W05	L02	L03	3.0
9	Andrew Chandler	0829	W11	W07	L01	L03	W22	3.0
10	Nathanael W Chandler	0738	W18	L08	W19	W13	L07	3.0
11	Sarah Boyd	0676	L09	W23	D07	W14	D16	3.0
12	Trey Kennedy	0664	L15	W29	W27	L05	W19	3.0
13	Allen Hunter	0569	L19	W22	W15	L10	W21	3.0
14	Hunter Coggins	0868	L08	D18	W26	L11	W24	2.5
15	Philip Ducharme	0737	W12	L01	L13	W20	D17	2.5
16	Carrie Stayer	0687	W27	L02	W20	L04	D11	2.5
17	Montgomery Brown	0559	B	D26	L06	D21	D15	2.5
18	John Hanson	UNR	L10	D14	W25	W23	L06	2.5
19	Wheat Hotchkiss	0566	W13	L05	L10	W25	L12	2.0
20	Brittany Melton	0462	L03	W28	L16	L15	W29	2.0
21	Elizabeth Scott	0442	D25	L06	W29	D17	L13	2.0
22	Elizabeth Hall	UNR	L05	L13	B	W27	L09	2.0
23	Dixon McPhillips	UNR	L02	L11	W28	L18	W26	2.0
24	Taylor Hanby	UNR	D06	W25	L04	L07	L14	1.5
25	Thomas Shattuck	UNR	D21	L24	L18	L19	B	1.5
26	Jordan Hanby	UNR	L07	D17	L14	W28	L23	1.5
27	Andrew Lehe	0381	L16	B	L12	L22	L28	1.0
28	Danny Larkin	0369	L04	L20	L23	L26	W27	1.0
29	Anna Scott	UNR	L01	L12	L21	B	L20	1.0

Alabama State Scholastic Team Chess Championships

Saturday, April 12, 1997, **one hundred fifteen** chess players from schools across the state gathered at Trace Crossings school in Hoover, Alabama,for the annual Scholastic Team Chess Championship Tournament. Players from Mobile, Cullman, Huntsville, Mountain Brook, Hoover, Homewood, Tuscaloosa, Decatur, and Birmingham, competed in the five round Swiss style tournament directed by Jack Mallory. Mr. Mallory was assisted by Lamar Daniel, Philip King, Caesar Lawrence, Bill Melvin, Dale Robbins, and Andrew Whatley. The tournament was coordinated by Vasha Rosenblum with help from the parents of South Shades Crest School.

State Champions: Clark Eagles : Thomas Elmes, Shafer Gaston, William Berry and Kasey Gildersleeve

High School Champions: Alabama School of Math and Science Dragons A-Team: James Bishop, Jeremy Tillman, Ashley Zellner, and Ryan Williams

Open Section Board Awards
Board 1: Thomas Elmes
Board 2: Shafer Gaston
Board 3: William Berry
Board 4: David Cusimano

Junior High Champions: Clark Talons: Kevin Andrade, Daniel Friedline, Ayata Boldon, and Michael R. Cox, Jr.

Junior High Runner-Ups: Mountain Brook Bruins: David Sloan, Taylor Curtis, Tom Staner, and David Tompkins

Junior High Board Awards
Board 1: David Sloan
Board 2: Taylor Curtis
Board 3: Ayata Boldon
Board 4: Michael R. Cox, Jr.

Elementary School Champions: South Shades Crest KnightMares : Jordan Jones, Brennan Young, Michael Dupre, and David King

Elementary School Runner-Ups: Advent Knaughty Knights: Lewis Lehe, Nathan Hall, Forrest Pearce, and Tim Beenken

Elementary Board Awards
Board 1: Jordan Jones
Board 2: Paul Dupre
Board 3: Tom Burwell
Board 4: Shane J. Rogers

Primary School Champions: Huntsville Holy Spirit: Peter Petroff, John Stanley Watts, Juan Luis Rodriguez, and Joseph Chaffee

Primary School Runner-Ups: South Shades Crest Pulverizing Pawns: Mason Williams, John-Tyler Spann, David McConnell, and Matthew Michel

Primary Board Awards
Board 1: Peter Petroff
Board 2: John-Tyler Spann
Board 3: Carrie Stayer
Board 4: Joseph Chaffee

Vestavia Primary 18 May 1997

2nd Grade

Player		R01	R02	R03	R04	Score
1	Tyler Krug	W11	W05	W10	W06	4.0
2	Andrew Cortopassi	D09	W18	W04	W11	3.5
3	Kimberly Phares	W08	D06	D09	W10	3.0
4	Nicholas Foy	W17	W07	L02	W14	3.0
5	Alex Callaway	W14	L01	W07	W09	3.0
6	Seva Tchernov	B	D03	W08	L01	2.5
7	Laura Williams	W12	L04	L05	W16	2.0
8	Chip Manush	L03	W13	L06	W19	2.0
9	Rachel Lockart	D02	W16	D03	L05	2.0
10	Murray Kennedy	W15	W19	L01	L03	2.0
11	Trace Sexton	L01	W17	W12	L02	2.0
12	Meredith Tyler	L07	B	L11	D13	1.5
13	Frank Chitwood	L19	L08	B	D12	1.5
14	Jonathan Yu	L05	D15	W19	L04	1.5
15	Cam Pappas	L10	D14	L16	W18	1.5
16	Douglas Merrell	D18	L09	W15	L07	1.5
17	Michael Mobley	L04	L11	D18	B	1.5
18	Nat Yonce	D16	L02	D17	L15	1.0
19	Winston Smith	W13	L10	L14	L08	1.0

3rd Grade

Player		R01	R02	R03	R04	Score
1	Daniel Driscoll	W25	D03	W08	W10	3.5
2	Benjamin Yang	W18	W09	D10	W05	3.5
3	John Mask	W15	D01	W06	W13	3.5
4	Matthew Terwilliger	L22	W25	W20	W12	3.0
5	Callie Callaway	W26	W22	W11	L02	3.0
6	Peter Mao	D08	W23	L03	W14	2.5
7	Alex Bradford	W16	L10	D24	W20	2.5
8	Ben Perry	D06	W19	L01	W24	2.5
9	Stephen Poer	W13	L02	W22	D11	2.5
10	Carleson Dozier	W28	W07	D02	L01	2.5
11	Daniel Evans	W21	W12	L05	D09	2.5
12	Philip Cowart	W17	L11	W27	L04	2.0
13	Kenton Bartlett	L09	W18	W16	L03	2.0
14	Wilson Taylor	D27	D24	W15	L06	2.0
15	Amy Watson	L03	W26	L14	W25	2.0
16	Graham Bingham	L07	W28	L13	W21	2.0
17	Travis Smith	L12	D21	D23	D22	1.5
18	Caroline Hensley	L02	L13	W26	D23	1.5
19	Kendal Glaze	D23	L08	L21	W27	1.5
20	Lee Pantazis	D24	W27	L04	L07	1.5
21	Christine Gregg	L11	D17	W19	L16	1.5
22	Christian Strevy	W04	L05	L09	D17	1.5
23	J J Johnson	D19	L06	D17	D18	1.5
24	Laura Sims	D20	D14	D07	L08	1.5
25	Mary K Gleissner	L01	L04	W28	L15	1.0
26	Alison Burnette	L05	L15	L18	W28	1.0
27	Lauren Bohorfoush	D14	L20	L12	L19	0.5
28	Anna Spradlin	L10	L16	L25	L26	0.0

Random Tandem Tournament

by Kenneth Sloan

On May 10, the ScholarMates Chess Team hosted an experimental chess event for the amusement of local chess devotees. A tandem chess tournament is where a 2 player team plays another team of 2 each round. Team members alternate moves without the benefit of collaboration. The event was open to players of all ages and chesspertise. Highest and lowest rated players were paired into teams. Three father/son teams resulted.

Play was G/15...fast, serious, excruciating, and hilarious. I never saw so many chess players attempting mental telepathy with their partners as I witnessed that day!

By the start of the last round, the situation was The Robbins-Lee team was winning with 4 points. The father/son Sloan team was tied with the King father son team with 3 points. If the Sloan team defeated the Robbins-Lee team in round 5 and the King team(Which upset the Sloan team in an earlier round), won their game, the TD would be strapped with an unfortunate 3-way tie to resolve.

It sure looked like the tie-break was inevitable. But the Sloan team won their game decisively with the Robbins-Lee team in an amazing display of cooperative teamwork and the aforementioned telepathy. The King team took pity on the TD and lost their last round match. As a result, the Sloan team placed 1st. Robbins-Lee placed 2nd. The Kings placed 3rd. Each team member received place trophies with the inscription, *"I placed in spite of my partner."* All participants received ribbons and consolation chess books were awarded.

No.	Team	Avg Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1.	Sloan (Ken/Peter)	1181	X	1	0	1	B	1	4.0
2.	Johnson/Hilgendorf (Terry/Eric)	814	0	X	1	.5	B	0	2.5
3.	King (Phil/David)	863	1	1	X	.5	B	0	3.5
4.	Lee (Wayne/Jeremy)	807	0	.5	.5	X	B	0	2.0
5.	Bye	-	0	0	0	0	X	0	-
6.	Robbins/Lee (Dale/Jarrell)	1044	0	1	1	1	B	X	4.0

The Birmingham Chess Club *by Bobby N. Edwards*

The **Birmingham Chess Club** was started in 1952 by **Jim NcNeill, Ernie Cockrell,** and **E.L. Fesperman.** The three were declared life members in 1978. From the *B'ham Chess News,* we know that Fesperman had been treasurer at least the first 28 years. At its 28th birthday party on July 30, 1980, Mr. NcNeill (who was the only active player of the original three) said of Fesperman "And we've never had the books audited"!

In the June 1976 issue of the *Antics*, Mr. Fesperman was interviewed during the 1976 Vulcan Open. He told them at that time he had been treasurer of the Birmingham Chess Club since 1956 and had been a charter member of the club started by NcNeill at the downtown YMCA in 1950 or 1951. There were about 55 members in that first organization, he said. He told the *Antics* 'I have not played in a tournament in 15 years because it's too much like work". The Birmingham Open, which began in 1958, became known as "Vulcan" Open.

" 'Built on a broomstick' might well be a descriptive slogan applied in the origin of the Birmingham Chess Club. For on such an intriguing, if modest, beginning were based the chess careers of both Ernest Cockrell of Fairfield and the Birmingham organization that he helped to found. During his high school days more than 20 years ago, Cockrell became interested in chess, looked up in an encyclopedia, and, guided by the illustrations of chessmen in the book, carved a set out of a broomstick. The set was still in use some 20 years later in the Birmingham Chess Club, the establishment of which as a thriving chess center of 37 charter members owes much to Cockrell's zeal and initiative." (*Chess Review,* May 1953).

First Alabama Chess Championship
Year - 1954

"Spark-plugged by the Birmingham Chess Club in cooperation with several other Alabama chess organizations, an Alabama State Championship Tournament, the biggest event thus far in Alabama chess history, is planned for July 3 - 5 at the Central YMCA in Birmingham.

"Among publicity efforts will be releases mailed to all Alabama chess clubs and individual prospects as well as to 69 state newspapers. A radio release will go to a number of Alabama radio stations, and arrangements are being sought for TV coverage. An interesting feature is the issuance of personal score cards to entrants." (*Chess Review,* May 1954).

"The first tournament for the Alabama championship, sponsored by the Birmingham Chess Club, was a highly successful event attracting 28 players from all parts of the state. G.C. Bates, whose picture was flashed over a local TV station, was winner with 5.5 points, followed by H.B. Gambrell in second place and Dr. Christian Wingard and Tony Janes sharing third and fourth. With the exception of Janes, who came from Demopolis, all other mentioned represented Birmingham. John Addington efficiently directed the tournament." (*Chess Review,* August 1954).

Bates Scores in Alabama Meet

"Gordon C. Bates of Birmingham tallied 5.5 - 0.5 to win the 28 player Alabama State Championship at Birmingham, drawing with runner-up H.B. Gambrell of Birmingham in the semi-final round. Gambrell scored 5-1, drawing also with Jack Mallory. Tied for third on games and S-B with 4.5-1.5 each were C. Wingard of Birmingham and Tony L. Janes of Demopolis. Wingard drew with Janes and lost to Gambrell, while Janes lost a game to Bates.

"Fifth to eighth with 4-2 each were J.H. Oliver, E.M. Cockrell, F.W. Kemp, and F.J. Shippen in the 6-round Swiss event". (*Chess Life,* August 5th, 1954).

Birmingham City Championship
12 July 1997
Qualifier

Player		Prev	R01	R02	R03	R04	Score
1	Andy Reeder	2072	W12	D07	W06	W09	3.5
2	Kirk D Petty	2011	W08	W04	W10	D03	3.5
3	Kenneth Sloan 1	1890	W16	W15	W09	D02	3.5
4	David Muhammad	1678	W18	L02	W07	W11	3.0
5	Richard W Ellis	1400	W22	L09	W16	W12	3.0
6	Edward Dean	1319	W20	W14	L01	W10	3.0
7	Jack P Gwin	1812	W14	D01	L04	W15	2.5
8	Robert M Rieves	1240	L02	W18	D15	W16	2.5
9	Jeff Scott Story	1880	W17	W05	L03	L01	2.0
10	Walter J Schaetzle	1850	W13	W21	L02	L06	2.0
11	David Sloan 1	287	L21	W13	W17	L04	2.0
12	Roy Martin	1247	L01	W19	W21	L05	2.0
13	Roger Kernodle	1173	L10	L11	W19	W21	2.0
14	Don Yessick	UNR	L07	L06	W22	W17	2.0
15	Vince Higginbotham	1454	W19	L03	D08	L07	1.5
16	Jonathan Wright	1239	L03	W20	L05	L08	1.0
17	Samuel D Bond	1217	L09	W22	L11	L14	1.0
18	Joshua A Cowart	1025	L04	L08	W20	L19	1.0
19	Burton Flanagan	0951	L15	L12	L13	W18	1.0

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Bobby Edwards

First Sunday Quads
1 June 1997

Quad 1

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Robert F Pruitt	2027	2145	2040	**2.5**	*	=	1	1
2	Ray Downs	1988	2158	2007	**2.5**	=	*	1	1
3	Walter Schaetzle	1850	1804	1844	**1.0**	0	0	*	1
4	Roy F Stanton	1796	1555	1767	**0.0**	0	0	0	*

Quad 2

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Wallace Fard	1551	1824	1583	2.5	*	=	1	1
2	Scott Miller	1474	1716	1503	2.0	=	*	=	1
3	MichaelDeVivo	1719	1501	1692	1.5	0	=	*	1
4	Frank Myers	1478	1181	1442	0.0	0	0	0	*

Quad 3

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Robert Rieves	1240	1664	1290	3.0	*	1	1	1
2	Ken Starkey	1123	1445	1192	2.0	0	*	1	1
3	Richard Ellis	1400	1078	1360	1.0	0	0	*	1
4	Mike Matson	1295	0854	1200	0.0	0	0	0	*

Quad 4

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Sauleh Siddiqui	1007	1184	1066	2.0	*	0	1	1
2	Donald Yessick	UNR	1160	1160	2.0	1	*	1	0
3	Joshua Cowart	1025	0939	1015	1.0	0	0	*	1
4	Brennan Young	0989	0951	0985	1.0	0	1	0	*

Quad 5

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Sean A Wilson	0863	1078	0891	2.5	*	=	1	1
2	Thomas Young	0960	0912	0957	2.0	=	*	=	1
3	Kendra King	0946	0783	0929	1.5	0	=	*	1
4	Kyle Fritz	0529	0523	0527	0.0	0	0	0	*

Quad 6

Player		Prev	Perf	Post	Score	1	2	3	4
1	Albert Lassiter	0652	0891	0696	2.5	*	1	1	=
2	Julie O Buse	UNR	0771	0771	2.0	0	*	1	1
3	Daniel E Callins	UNR	0594	0594	1.0	0	0	*	1
4	Jacquese Evans	0371	0452	0389	0.5	=	0	0	*

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